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CONGRESS DEMANDS TRANSFER OF POWER

Reply To British Proposals Handed To Cripps

GESTURE TO CHURCHILL TO AVERT BREAK

Sapru's Appeal To Abandon Old Policy Of Distrust

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, April 2.

Two important developments have dramatically changed the situation again. Sir Stafford Cripps has, at the request of Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru and other friends, agreed to postpone his departure,—probably by another two weeks. This will give time for examining the various compromise formulas on the defence question which are now under consideration.

JAWAHAR AND WAVELL MEETING

Secondly it is likely that a meeting will be arranged between General Wavell and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru for discussion of the defence question in order to see whether, a satisfactory settlement cannot be reached. If the Commander-in-Chief is satisfied, no difficulty can or should arise from London.

CRIPPS' ASSURANCE

Sir Stafford Cripps has given a public assurance that he is prepared to reconsider any question if there is any chance of a reasonable solution. He is fully aware of the Congress objections and is already in communication with the War Cabinet on these points.

The Congress position is briefly as follows:—

FIRSTLY, so far as the Constituent Assembly and procedure for secession of provinces are concerned, the difficulties are not of a nature that they cannot be removed by suitable arrangement now;

SECONDLY, though the Congress strongly feels on the question of the rights of the States' people, the Congress is not likely to make it a fighting issue;

THIRDLY, as the interim scheme is of paramount importance at the present juncture, there should be full transference of power now, including the necessary control over defence, to a popular Government without in any way interfering with the Commander-in-Chief's responsibilities as Commander.

Congress leaders' appear to feel that if the unnecessary commitments are not now forced on the country regarding secession rights of provinces and so on and for the present only principle is defined, the time intervening between now and the cessation of hostilities can be usefully employed for deciding these questions in detail on an agreed basis.

AZAD AND JAWAHAR SEE CRIPPS

NEW DELHI, April 2.

Maulana Azad accompanied by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru came to Sir Stafford Cripps' Camp at 4-30 p.m. to present to him the Working Committee's statement on the proposals.

Maulana Azad and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru came out after fifty minutes' talk.

Sir Stafford Cripps replying to pressmen whether he was meeting them again said. "I hope there will be many more meetings between friends."

A pressman drew his attention to the report that General Wavell and the Viceroy were present at this afternoon's meeting between Sir Stafford Cripps and the Congress leaders.

Sir Stafford led the correspondent in to verify for himself that neither the Viceroy nor General Wavell was in the house.

Congress Decision

The Working Committee's resolution as finally approved today is understood to advise the country not to accept the Cripps' proposals for reasons which it explains fully. Hammered into shape after some thirty hours' debate spread over five days, the

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AZAD-WAVELL MEETING

Congress Legislators Hopeful Of Ultimate Settlement

NEW DELHI, April 2.

It is understood that a meeting between Maulana Azad and General Wavell is being arranged for Saturday in order to give an opportunity to the Congress President to have an appreciation of the problems of Indian defence.

A section of Congress opinion here, particularly among members of the Congress Party in the Assembly, firmly believe that however difficult the situation may appear at present with regard to the Cripps proposals, a settlement will ultimately be found.

CRIPPS CABLES FOR INSTRUCTIONS

NEW DELHI, April 2.

It is understood that Sir Stafford Cripps is getting into touch with 10, Downing Street and cabling the text of the Congress decision to Mr. Winston Churchill to ascertain the reactions and further line of action.

It is further understood that Sir Stafford is prepared to accept the Sapru formula relating to the Indian control over defence. There is still optimism in Delhi that the British Government would authorise Sir Stafford Cripps to negotiate a formula acceptable to parties.—United Press.

STATES' PEOPLE REJECT IT

NEW DELHI, April 2

The Standing Committee of the All-India States Peoples' Conference met to-day, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru presiding, and decided to observe an "All-India States' People's Day" on April 19.

The committee also considered the British War Cabinet's proposals and passed a comprehensive resolution declaring that the proposals are "utterly harmful and injurious to the cause of freedom both in the States and in India as a whole".

The Committee says, nowhere in the proposals brought by Sir Stafford Cripps on behalf of the British Government is any reference made to the people of the States who number 90 odd millions and therefore they can only be resisted to the utmost.

The Committee reiterates that nothing short of full self-determination and the right to frame the constitution of the States and also to participate in the Constituent Assembly for all India through their elected representatives can be accepted or can meet the requirements of the situation.—A. P.

LONDON EAGER TO COME TO TERMS

New Defence Formula: Abandon Distrust, Says Sapru

(From Our Correspondent)
LONDON, April 2.

There is a growing feeling here that no stone should be left unturned to secure agreement in India and thus make the Cripps' Mission a success.

Influential newspapermen express the view that a solution could be found by having an Indian Defence Minister, leaving the actual direction and strategy of war to General Wavell.

It is understood that the Labour Party has called a special meeting of the Executive to consider the situation.

According to the political correspondent of the Liberal 'News Chronicle,' Government circles hope that a last-minute solution would be found, but if the main barrier to agreement would be Defence, it is emphasised in authoritative quarters that no further concessions to Indian opinion can be granted.

It is understood that if the scheme is rejected, the offer made by the War Cabinet will stand and there will be no question of withdrawing it.

Government maintain their belief that it would be impossible to change the control of India's defence at this critical hour, and that in taking this line they have the support of the Dominions and the United States.

A New Formula

NEW DELHI:— The 'United Press' learns that the formula for which support is being canvassed by Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru and Mr. M. R. Jayakar regarding defence is as follows:—

"The portfolio which will be in Indian hands will be known as Portfolio for Co-ordination of Defence. Attached to it will be a Defence Council presided over by an Indian Member and the Commander-in-Chief will be its member."

The formula is still in a stage of discussion between Sir Stafford Cripps and the Indian leaders.

Abandon Distrust

"Hitherto untapped are large and inexhaustible resources of manpower in the country's youth, on which an Indian (Defence Member) alone can draw by kindling patriotism and spirit of sacrifice," declares Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru in a cable to the 'News Chronicle,' in response to its request to make clear how an Indian share in the management of defence would increase the military strength to defeat aggression.

Sir Tej Bahadur continues:—

"There is no reason to believe that an Indian member will be perverse or not work in unison with the War Cabinet. The ancient policy of distrust still continues and must be abandoned.

The task of adjustment of relations between the Commander-in-Chief and the Indian Defence Member is not beyond English and Indian statesmanship. The psychological effect of the appointment of an Indian Member will be tremendous.

If this is not done the whole scheme, whatever its merits, will be imperilled."

Cripps' Reply To Ceylon Invitation

COLOMBO, April 2.

Sir Stafford Cripps' present visit is confined to the Indian problem which means that he is unable to deal with Ceylon's constitutional questions.

The Board of Ministers in Ceylon received this reply from Sir S. Cripps in response to their request that Sir Stafford Cripps should either visit the Island or receive a deputation from Ceylon at New Delhi.

Sir Stafford Cripps reiterated the assurance that as soon as the war is over the question of Ceylon's constitutional problems will be taken up.—A. P.

U. S. Ship Sunk

NEW YORK, April 2.

The Naval authorities have announced the sinking of a medium sized American vessel off the Atlantic coast.—Reuter.



MR. YUSUF MEHERALLY, who has been elected Mayor of Bombay.

R. A. F. Over Paris

VICHY, April 2.

The western and north-western outskirts of Paris had an alert from 4 to 5-30 this morning, says the Vichy News Agency. The Royal Air Force dropped bombs at a number of points.

R. A. F. Sweeps

LONDON: Air fields, factory and railway centres in France and Belgium were bombed by aircraft of the Fighter Command during last night and a Junkers 88 was destroyed over its own base, says the Air Ministry News Service. A German bomber was destroyed by a Czech pilot at an airfield where he also damaged another Junkers 88.

Matford Works Bombed

The R. A. F. again bombed last night one of Occupied France's most important industrial targets —the Matford Works at Poissy, ten miles north-west of Paris, which have been producing lorries for the German Army. The factory was previously bombed by the British in daylight on March 8. It originally made airplane engines, but was turned over for the production of lorries and it is now stated to be turning out twenty daily. It has an excellent mass production system giving all the benefits of the Ford Plan, and is now the most important lorry works in France. The factory is about forty miles from the Renault Works which were heavily bombed by the R. A. F. recently.

15 British Planes Missing

Further details of bombing attacks on enemy and enemy occupied territories last night are contained to-day in a 'communique' issued this morning. The 'communique' states: "Last night aircraft of the Bomber Command bombed industrial objectives and communications in west and north-west Germany.

In occupied territory bombing attacks were made on the Matford Works at Poissy and on docks and shipping at Havre. Mines were also laid in enemy waters.

Fighter Command aircraft attacked objectives in Belgium and Northern France. During these attacks an enemy bomber was destroyed. Fifteen of our bombers are missing from the night's operations."—Reuter.

Political Purge In Bulgaria

STOCKHOLM, April 2.

A number of high officers have been arrested in Sofia, including the former General, Zaimov, according to the Berlin correspondent of the "Svenska Dagbladet." A sum of 7,500 pounds in American dollars is stated to have been found in General Zaimov's house. The arrests are stated to be connected with the latest political developments.—Reuter.

Norwegian Ship Torpedoed

WASHINGTON, April 2.

The Navy Department announces that a medium-sized Norwegian merchantman has been torpedoed off the Atlantic coast.—Reuter.

Japs Land In Akyab

BRITISH POSITION IN PROME THREATENED

North Burma Town Raided: Story Of Toungoo: Battle In Bataan: Alert In Colombo

CHUNGKING, April 2.

The Japanese have landed at Akyab, a port on the west coast of Burma some 200 miles north-west of Prome, according to a Chinese spokesman to-day.

THREAT TO PROME

The landing was covered by cruisers and destroyers, the spokesman said. This represents a new threat from the flank and rear to the British defenders of Prome.

JAPANESE AIR LOSSES

The Communique issued by the American Volunteer Group Headquarters somewhere in Yunan last night stated that during the last fortnight the A. V. G. has destroyed a total of over 70 Japanese planes in Burma and Thailand.

ALERT IN COLOMBO AGAIN

COLOMBO, April 2.

An alert was sounded this morning in the Colombo area. The all clear was sounded soon afterwards. There were no incidents and the public took cover.

Danger To British Forces

LONDON:—On the Sittang River the Chinese are now north of Toungoo, it is stated authoritatively in London to-day. The British forces are round Prome and the British have to guard against the possibility of an outflanking movement from the west river opposite Prome.

North Burma Town Bombed

NEW DELHI: A 'communique' issued by the Chinese Headquarters in Burma says:—

APRIL 1: The Toungoo Front was quiet last night. A town in Northern Burma was bombed by the Japanese for the first time early yesterday afternoon when 27 bombers and 15 fighters in three waves came over the town. Damage was negligible, although there were some casualties.

APRIL 2: No activity was reported on the Toungoo Front yesterday. A town in Northern Burma was again bombed by Japanese planes at 1-15 p. m. yesterday. There was no damage and no casualties were reported.

Irrawaddy Front

There is no substantial change in the situation on the Irrawaddy Front since yesterday, says a Burma 'communique'. A reconnaissance in force down the railway line destroyed an enemy patrol. Otherwise there has been no contact with the enemy. It is estimated that hostile Burman forces on this front now number over 4,000, one thousand of which were located yesterday on the west bank of the river opposite Prome.

We destroyed by gunfire one infantry gun in their possession. Enemy reconnaissance aircraft were active yesterday over the whole front. An aerodrome in Northern Burma was raided. As yet there are no details of this raid.

Chinese Put Up Epic Struggle

MAYMYO: The "Associated Press" special correspondent writes:

The fall of Toungoo, I learn, was primarily due to the growing shortage of supplies in the possession of the encircled garrison. Food, water and ammunition all began to run low, and a desperate race by the counter-attacking Chinese troops to relieve the beleaguered defenders of the city had just failed.

Japanese positions around Toungoo were the strongest on the south, west and north and the garrison fought its way out through the weakest point of Japanese lines on the east rejoining the main body of Chinese troops, some seven miles north-east of Toungoo. Bombed, shelled and machine-gunned almost incessantly for over a week, the defence of Toungoo will go down in history as one of the finest feats of the Chinese army. Faced with tremendous odds they held the position until it was folly to hold it longer.

But the Chinese forces are still intact, and backed with fresh reinforcements they are again ready to face the Japanese with the same fierce courage for which the Toungoo garrison set such a magnificent example.—A. P.

BATTLE OF BATAAN

Sharp Skirmishes, But No General Action

WASHINGTON:—United States' Naval Forces have sunk three more Axis submarines, thus bringing the total of U-Boats sunk to 28. Apart from these 28 announced as sunk or presumed sunk, the Navy spokesman in Washington says that there is evidence that additional Axis submarines have been destroyed. Of the 28 submarines 21 were sunk in the Atlantic and the other seven in the Pacific.

A War Department communique says:—

"PHILIPPINE THEATRE:—Aggressive patrol activity on both sides characterized the fighting in Bataan in the past 24 hours and there were a number of sharp skirmishes but no general action. Enemy artillery and dive-bombers shelled and bombed our positions. There were several enemy air raids on our rear installations, beach defences and troops in the forward areas. Intermittent air attacks on our harbour defences continued throughout day and night. Enemy bombers were forced by our anti-aircraft fire to fly at extreme altitudes. Consequently the bombing was inaccurate and ineffective. Hostile batteries on the south shore of Manila Bay shelled Corregidor, no damage was inflicted by either bombing or shelling. Our forts returned the fire of the enemy batteries. Nothing from other areas."

96 Jap Aircraft Lost

SYDNEY:—Since March 10, R.A.A.F. and United States' planes have destroyed or crippled 96 Japanese aircraft over Australian war zones for the loss of 12 planes of which the crews of five were saved, according to the 'Sydney Sun' representative at the Allied Headquarters.

Darwin Raided Again

MELBOURNE:—A communique issued by Mr. Curtin announces that in the eleventh raid on Darwin seven bombers with fighter escort took part. There were no casualties or damage.—Reuter.

Plans And Prospects

Dramatic Turn In War Strategy Expected At Early Date

CHUNGKING, April 2.

Two new battlefields are likely to be started soon, one by Anglo-American forces in Northern Europe and the other by Japan, declared General Yang Chieh, former Chinese Ambassador to Moscow, a well-known strategist.

Commenting on Germany's much heralded spring offensive, General Yang opines that the Germans will once more direct the drive against Moscow believing that the chances of either a German drive into the Caucasus or invasion of England are much slighter. Whether Japan will attack Siberia he continues, will depend largely on the outcome of the forthcoming Soviet-German battle.

He says that Hitler's total defeat will take at least two years.

Preparation for an Allied counter-offensive in the Pacific, he says will take at least twelve months and it will take another twenty months to terminate the war on sea against Japan.

General Yang believes that the Pacific War will end later than the war in Europe.

American View

NEW YORK:—The former United States' Ambassador to Moscow, Mr. Joseph Davies, declared on Wednesday that Japanese and German attacks on Russia would soon be synchronised. He predicted that Hitler would begin his main drive in South Russia by the end of April.

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Japanese Prepare For Next Move

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The increasing flow of American aid is regarded as likely to speed up the Japanese plans for attack for which reason troops throughout Australia are at battle stations and reconnaissance planes are raging over wide areas.

Important announcements regarding a more complete fusion of the Australian, American, Dutch and other Allied land forces under General Blamey and of the R.A.A.F. and the American Army Air Force under General Brett are expected at a very early date.

"The likelihood of an early Japanese invasion of Port Moresby (New Guinea) is suggested by recent movements of ships," writes the 'Sydney Sun' today. "Vessels are constantly being attacked at Lae and Salamaua by Allied Air Forces.

LATEST NEWS

RAID ON BURMESE TOWN

CHUNGKING, April 2.

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REPRESENTATIVE SUIT WITHDRAWN

Zoroastrian Association Dispute

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Chagla)

M. B. Barla and 3 Others filed on behalf of themselves and all other Members of the Zoroastrian Association except the Defendants ...Plaintiffs

R. R. Desai and 47 Others, Members of the Managing Committee of the Zoroastrian Association .....Defendants

This was a representative suit filed by the Plaintiffs challenging their legality of the election of some of the Defendants as members of the Managing Committee of the Zoroastrian Association. On the suit being called on for hearing before His Lordship yesterday, Counsel for the Plaintiffs stated that his clients desired to withdraw the suit. His Lordship thereupon gave Plaintiffs liberty to withdraw this representative suit and the suit was thereupon withdrawn under Order 23 Rule 1 of the Code of Civil Procedure No order was made as to the costs of the suit.

Mr. G. K. Rege instructed by Messrs. Mawdawalla & Co. appeared for the Plaintiffs.

Mr. P. R. Bharucha instructed by Messrs. Jamsetji Rustomji and Devidas appeared for the Defendants.

Chiang-Kai-Sheks In India

The "Times of India" has just published a booklet describing the recent visit of Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-Shek to India. The booklet is illustrated and is priced at annas four.

FORWARD BLOC EXECUTIVE: Mr. Girdhar Thakar, Secretary of the B. P. F. B has issued the following:—All-India Forward Bloc's Working Committee's meeting will take place in Bombay on 4th, 5th and 6th April, 1942, at the Forward Bloc's Office, 42, Kennedy Bridge, Girgaum Road, Bombay 4. Members of the All-India Working Committee are requested to attend this meeting and to inform the office of their arrival.

NEW GUJARATI MONTHLY: Declaration of Gujarati monthly "Tej-Chitra" was filed in Presidency Magistrate's Court on Thursday. The first issue will be out on April 18. The editors are Navin Jhaveri and Bepin Doshee.

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NATIONAL WEEK— APRIL 6-13

B. P. C. C.'s Programme

Following is the programme of the B.P. C.C. for National Week:—

Monday, April 6, 8 a.m (S.T.): Flag salutation: 1. At Congress House Sjt. Bhulabhai J. Desai will unfurl the Tri-colour Flag. 2. At Nappoo Garden, Matunga, Sjt. B. G. Kher will unfurl the Flag. 8-30 a.m. (S.T.): Spinning Demonstration: 1. At Congress House Compound. 2. At Nappoo Hall, Matunga. 6 p.m. (S.T.): Public meeting at Chowpatty President: Shri Bhulabhai J. Desai and Speakers: Shri B. G. Kher and other prominent Congressmen will address.

Tuesday, April 7, 8-30 p.m. (S.T.): Public meeting at Dana Bunder Mandvi.

Wednesday, April 8, 5-30 p.m. (S.T.): Public meeting at Ghodapdeo.

Thursday, April 9, 8-30 p.m. (S.T.): Public meeting at Bazaar Road, Kamatipura.

Friday, April 10, 8 p.m. (S.T.): Public meeting at Cosaba Wadi.

Saturday, April 11, 8-30 p.m. (S.T.): Public meetings: 1. At Dhanji Street, Tambakanta. 2. At Palan Sojpal Compound Dadar. B. B. and C. I.

Sunday, April 12, 11-30 a.m. (S.T.): Priti Bhojan with Harijan friends at Congress House. 4 p.m. (S.T.) P.V.B procession. 6 p.m. (S.T.) Public meeting at Kamgar Maidan, Parel.

Monday, April 13. 6 p.m. (S. T.): Public meeting at the Congress House and the conclusion of the programme.

The above programme will be supplemented by D.C.C.s by holding spinning demonstrations, organising public meetings, cycle processions or Pheries, arranging Khadi hawking, sale of P.V.B. literature and identification Cards, enrolment of Congress members and P.V.B. volunteers, and taking out processions of P.V.B. volunteers and having demonstrations wherever possible.

JALLIANWALA BAGH DAY.

The General Secretary, District Congress Committee, Amritsar, writes: The District Congress Committee (Urban) Amritsar is making preparations for the celebration of the Jallianwala Bagh Day on the 13th April in a befitting manner, Jallianwala Bagh being an All-India Institution, wherefrom the message of Nationalism went forth to the whole of India, in order to maintain its all India Position, and arouse interest in that Day's celebrations like past years, the District Congress Committee has invited all the Congress Committees, national organisations, institutions all over India, and all leaders of public importance to come and participate in the function, and present wreaths at the monument. Those who are unable to come personally may send their wreaths by post, or may send instructions to the District Congress Committee to present them on their behalf. So far Mahatma Gandhi, Sjt. B. Rajendra Prasad and several Provincial Congress Committees and other organisations have given their consent.

KHADI SALE AT REDUCED RATES DURING NATIONAL WEEK: The All-India Spinners' Association, Bombay Branch, will be celebrating the National Week from 4th to 19th instant. Khadi will be sold at reduced rates at the A.I.S.A. Bhandars during that period. A discount of 6 1/4 per cent will be allowed on all Cotton varieties. A discount of 12 1/2 per cent will be allowed on all Silk and Woollen varieties. Certain odd lots and slightly shop-soiled varieties are offered at a reduction of 12 1/2 per cent to 75 per cent.

Khadi at reduced rates will be available at the following Bhandars during the National Week celebrations:—

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Parsi: Avan 1, 1311.
Sunrise: 6-33 a.m. Sunset: 6-51 p.m.
Hightide: 0-44, 13-21. Lowtide: 6-53 19-16
Progressive Group: Srinivas Sastri's address, 6-15 p.m.
Last day of Parsi Exhibition of indigenous articles, Gresham Building, (opp. Flora Fountain) Open whole day
Good Friday: Bank holiday
"Book in India Exhibition": Inaugural speech of Mr. K. M. Munshi, Convocation hall, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, April 4

Fifth All-India Library Conference. Opening session, 11 a.m., Convocation Hall.

SUNDAY, April 5

Fifth All-India Library Conference: Convocation Hall.

MONDAY, April 6

Fifth All-India Library Conference: Closing session, 10 a.m., Convocation Hall.

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

NEW WEST END—"Doctor" 3-30 5-15 and 9 p.m.
REGAL—"Keep 'em Flying" 4, 6-30 and 9-30
MAJESTIC—"Bharat Milap" 2-30, 5-45 and 8-15 p.m.
ROXY—"Jhoola" 2-15, 5-45 and 9 p.m.
NOVELTY—"Paisa" 3-30, 6-30 and 9 p.m.
CAPITOL—"Hold Back the Dawn" 4 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Raja-Rani" 3-30, 6-15 and 9
AURORA—"Sikandar" 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
CHITRA—"Shadi" 4, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m.
EDWARD—"Gharki-Laj" 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m
PALACE—"Billy the Kid" 4, 6-30 and 10
KRISHNA—"Apna Ghar" 3, 6 and 9 p.m.
MINERVA—"Taj Mahal" 3-30, 6-15 and 9
METRO—"Honky Tonk" 3, 6-15 and 9-30
SWASTIK—"Nirdosh" 3, 6 and 9 p.m.
BROADWAY—"Civil Marriage" 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.
KOHINOOR—"Naya Sansar" 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Khilauna" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Pyas" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
LAMINGTON—"Ujala" 3, 6 and 9 p.m.
PRAKASH—"Achut Kanya" 1-45, 4, 6-45 and 9-30 p.m

CHURCH SERVICE: Special Good Friday service and sermon according to the Mar Thoma Syrian rites at the Holy Redeemer Church, Dadar, (G.I.P.) to-day (Friday) at 8-30 a.m.

BYCULLA CONGRESS: Meeting of Managing Council of Byculla District Congress Committee at 8-30 p.m. (S.T.) in the Committee's Office

'B' WARD P.V.B.: The special meeting of all the volunteers of 'B' Ward, Chinch Bunder Circle to-day (Friday) at 8-30 p.m. at office of the 'B' Ward P.V.B. The badges of the P.V.B. will be distributed to the volunteers present at this meeting.

'D' WARD VOLUNTEERS' MEETING: A general meeting of all lady volunteers of 'D' Ward (Girgaum Ward) to-day (Friday) in Jinnah Hall at 9 a.m.

GIRGAUM CONGRESS: Ordinary meeting of the Managing Council of the Girgaum District Congress Committee at 6-30 p.m. in the office of the Committee.

Urgent meeting of the Managing Council of the Girgaum District Congress Committee immediately after the ordinary meeting, in the office of the Committee.

JAN SEVA MANDAL: Meeting at 4-30 p.m. to review the A.R.P. and C. D. work done so far. Mr. B. G. Kher will preside near the Vithoba Temple of Tara (Juhu), Congress Chowk.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Public study class on "Reincarnation" from the Ocean of Theosophy by W. Q. Judge, 6-15 p.m. at Jehangir Wadia Building, opposite Flora Fountain.

PROGRESSIVE GROUP: The Rt. Hon. V. S. Srinivasa Sastri will speak at Green's on "Sir Stafford Cripps' Scheme," to-day (Friday) at 5-15 p.m.

A.R.P. LECTURES FOR WARDENS: A series of six lectures in Marathi is arranged for the benefit of the A.R.P. Wardens, at the premises of "The Sitaram Poddar Balika Vidyalaya", Vidya Bhuvan, Fanaswadi, Bombay No. 2, commencing from Tuesday, April 7 on week days except Saturdays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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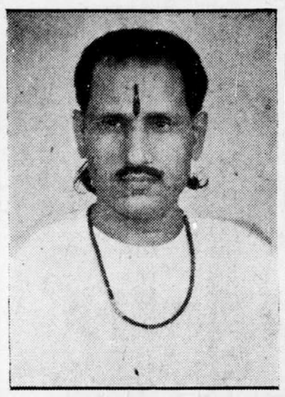
At a War Week meeting held at the Blavatsky Lodge on Thursday evening an appeal was made to the British Government to arm the people of India so as to enable them to support Russia and China in their heroic stand against Fascism.

Mr. K. T. Chandy who presided on the occasion, stated that India had better unite with Russia and China in raising peoples' forces in India against Fascism. It was not by sitting on the fence not by proposing to bargain with the Fascists that they could win or preserve their freedom. It was only by fighting Fascism that they could achieve and maintain their freedom.

THE PEOPLE'S WAR WEEK: In accordance with the programme of the People's War Week "Freedom Day" will be observed in Bombay, to-day (Friday). A public meeting will be held at Chowpatty at 5-30 p.m. (S.T.) under the presidentship of Com. Zulmiram Chowdhary.

HINDUSTANI SHIKSHAKA SANAD EXAM: The Hindustani Shikshaka Sanad Examination of the Shikshaka Course and the Refresher Course will be held on May 10.

The practical lessons part of the examinations will be held on a later date and will be communicated by the Educational Inspector, Bombay Division.



Pandit Sunder Prasad, well-known Kathak dance-teacher and Director of Maharaj Bindadin School of Dancing, Bombay, whose dance-recital will be given at the Royal Opera House on Sunday morning.

SHOPS ACT AND HOTELS

Exemptions Likely During Emergency

The Bombay Shops and Establishment Act seems to be engaging the attention of the Government of Bombay, and its fate so far as the hotels and restaurants are concerned, is likely to be decided in the near future. It is understood that that fate will probably be exemption from the Act for hotels and restaurants for the duration, if a state of emergency is declared in Bombay.

In this connection it will be recalled that the Director of Civil Supplies inquired of the Bombay and Suburban Hotel and Restaurant Keepers' Association, on the 16th March, whether their establishments would remain open during periods of emergency.

The association called a general meeting on March 25th, and the Government was given an assurance that the hotels and restaurants would remain open. A request, however, was made that the hotels, etc., be exempted from the operation of the Bombay Shops and Establishments' Act; and a committee was appointed to negotiate with Government.

The Committee, it is learnt, has seen the Director of Civil Supplies and the upshot is that the exemption is likely to be granted for the duration of the period of emergency.

R. P. SHROFF ON TRIAL UNDER LIGHTING RULES

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Mr. K. R. P. Shroff, President of the Native Stock and Share Brokers' Association was placed to-day before Mr. Kantilal Thakore, Additional Presidency Magistrate at the Esplanade Police Court on a charge of violating the lighting restrictions.

A police officer stated that beams of light were seen coming out of Mr. Shroff's bungalow at 11 p.m. yesterday.

Mr. Unwalla, of Messrs. Unwalla and Co., Solicitors, who appeared for Mr. Shroff, informed the Court that neither Mr. Shroff nor the members of the family were present in the house at the time. A servant he said, was responsible for putting on the light at this hour and therefore he should be charged and not Mr. Shroff. Concluding he said that Mr. Shroff was a law-abiding citizen.

The Magistrate directed that Mr. Shroff's servant should be charged and postponed the case to April 4.

ON THE AIR

FRIDAY APRIL 3

Delhi—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

4-30 p.m. For Indian Troops. 5-0 Karim Khan. 5-20 Puriadhanasri on Jaltarang. By Roshan Lal. 5-50 Zora Jan of Ambala 6-20 Ghulam Fareed. 6-35 Mahmood Qawwal and Party. 6-45 Afzal Husain: 6-50 Gulab Bai of Poona. 7 Nakam-I-Mahabbat. 7-15 Krishna Lila. 1. 7-30 It has happened. 7-35 Zohra Bai of Ambala. 7-45 For Villagers only. 8-30 America's Potential Strength, 1. 8-45 Rageshwari on Vichitra Veena. 9-30 BBC News Relay. 9-45 Gulab Bai of Poona. 9-55 Listening Post. 10 Zohra Jan of Ambala. 10-20 Hamtarah Ghazlen. 10-35 Abdul Aziz Khan Beenkar

Bombay II—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

7-30 a.m. Light Selection. 7-50 News in Hindustani. 8 News in English. 8-10 Film Fare. 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 Abdul Rehman and Party. 9-25 Faiyaz Khan of Baroda. 10 Close down 11 AIR Orchestra. 11-15 R. N. Paradker. 11-35 Amritlal. 11-50 Dhundiraj Paluskar 12-10 Adhunik Swayamwar. 12-25 AIR Bhajan Mandali. 12-40 Bhavgeet: R. N. Paradker. 12-50 Abdul Rehman and Party. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 Kesar Bai Bandodker 1-30 News in English. 1-35 Lunch Hour Music 2-25 Close down. 5 To-morrow 5-5 R. N. Paradker 5-25 Abdul Rehman and Party. 5-40 News in Marathi. 5-45 News in English. 5-50 Abhang: Kesar Bai Bandodker. 6 News in English 6-10 News in Hindustani. 6-20 Local News and Announcements (Hindustani. 6-30 Aunty Hilda's Happy Half-Hour. 7 Sidelights from Courts, 1. 7-15 World Affairs. 7-30 R. N. Paradker. 7-45 News Commentary (Gujarati). 7-50 Abdul Rehman and Party. 8 News in Marathi. 8-15 News in Gujarati. 8-30 For Our Universities. Talk in English by Dr. V. S. Sukthankar. 8-45 Newsgram 9 News in Hindustani. 9-15 News Commentary in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 BBC News Relay. 9-45 Dhundiraj Paluskar. 9-55 Listening Post. 10 Faiz Khan of Baroda. 10-45 Close down.

Bombay II—Programme

41-44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

7-30 to 7-50 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 7-50 Marathi Bhavgeets. 8 Hamidi Recital 8-10 to 8-50 As in Bombay 1. 8-50 Kesar Bai Bandodker 9-10 to 10 As in Bombay 1. 11 to 2-25 p.m. As in Bombay 1. 5 to 6 As in Bombay 1. 6 Dhundiraj Paluskar Violin Recital. 6-15 Bhajan: AIR Artist 6-20 to 7-15 As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval

61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

7-30 to 8 As in Bombay 1. 8 Faiyaz Khan 8-30 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 AIR Orchestra 9-10 Kesar Bai Bandodker. 9-30 Grace Belcourt: Violin. 9-45 Stabat Mater. 10-15 The Harmony Trio.

HINDUSTAN AIRCRAFT LIMITED

Govt. Of India Purchase Interests Of Walchand Hirachand And Mysore Govt.

NEW DELHI, April 2.

A press communique states:—

As the public are aware, the capital of Hindustan Aircraft Limited has been held jointly by the Government of India, the Mysore Government and Mr. Walchand Hirachand and his associates. The future of the company has recently come up for review in the light of the present war situation.

The company was founded as a commercial enterprise, by the energy and initiative of Mr Walchand Hirachand, and the intention was that it should undertake for the Government of India the production of aircraft at prices related to the prices of similar aircraft manufactured in America and landed complete in India, but at the same time allowing for a fair margin of profit. Experience has shown that the financial risks and administrative complications involved in commercial operation are such that the company's factory must—for the period of the war at least—be operated as a Government concern.

After a very careful consideration of the business prospects of the Company, Mr Walchand Hirachand and his associates have accepted an offer from the Government of India for the purchase of their interests. The Mysore Government while retaining a financial interest in the company, have agreed to waive the right to share in its active management for the period of the war and a year or two thereafter in order to facilitate the operation of the factory as Government concern.

The co-sharers in the original enterprise—including the Government of India—wish to make it clear that had commercial operation in the ordinary sense been possible, the original plan would have been continued. They have however been forced to the conclusion that in present conditions, the agreed solution outlined above is in the best interests of all concerned.—A. P.

TALK OF THE SUBURBS

(BY A SUBURBAN MAN)

To-day Good Friday is observed in nearly all the Catholic Churches in the Bombay Suburban area with great solemnity. It is, however, felt that the present lighting regulation will interfere with the services and it is hoped that these restrictions will be relaxed for to-day.

RELIGIOUS OPERA

On Monday last local artistes held a religious opera entitled "Refugium Peccatrum" the English for which is "Refuge of Sinners". Rev. Fr. Hickey, C.S.S.R., the Superior of the Mission Fathers at present touring Bombay, presided. There was large attendance of Catholics and the St. Andrew's Sunday Catechism School might have profited by at least Rs. 500. The credit of this performance goes to Rev. Fr. Angelo Fernandes, the Director of this Sunday Catechism.

STUDENTS FOR COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE

LUCKNOW, April 2.

Mr A. J. Zaidi, General Secretary, All India Students' Federation in a statement to the press states that the students who waited on Sir Stafford Cripps do not belong to the Federation which still adheres to its previous declarations that complete independence is a pre-requisite to India's participation in the war.—A. P.



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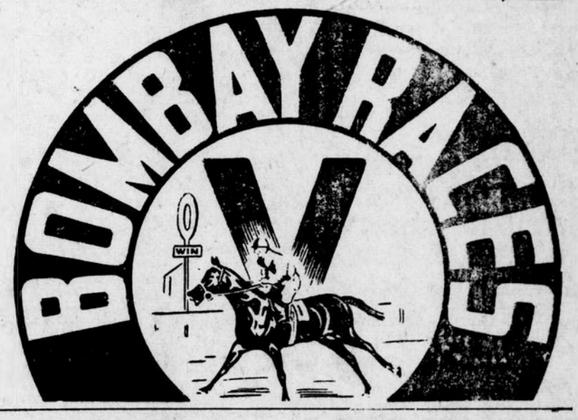
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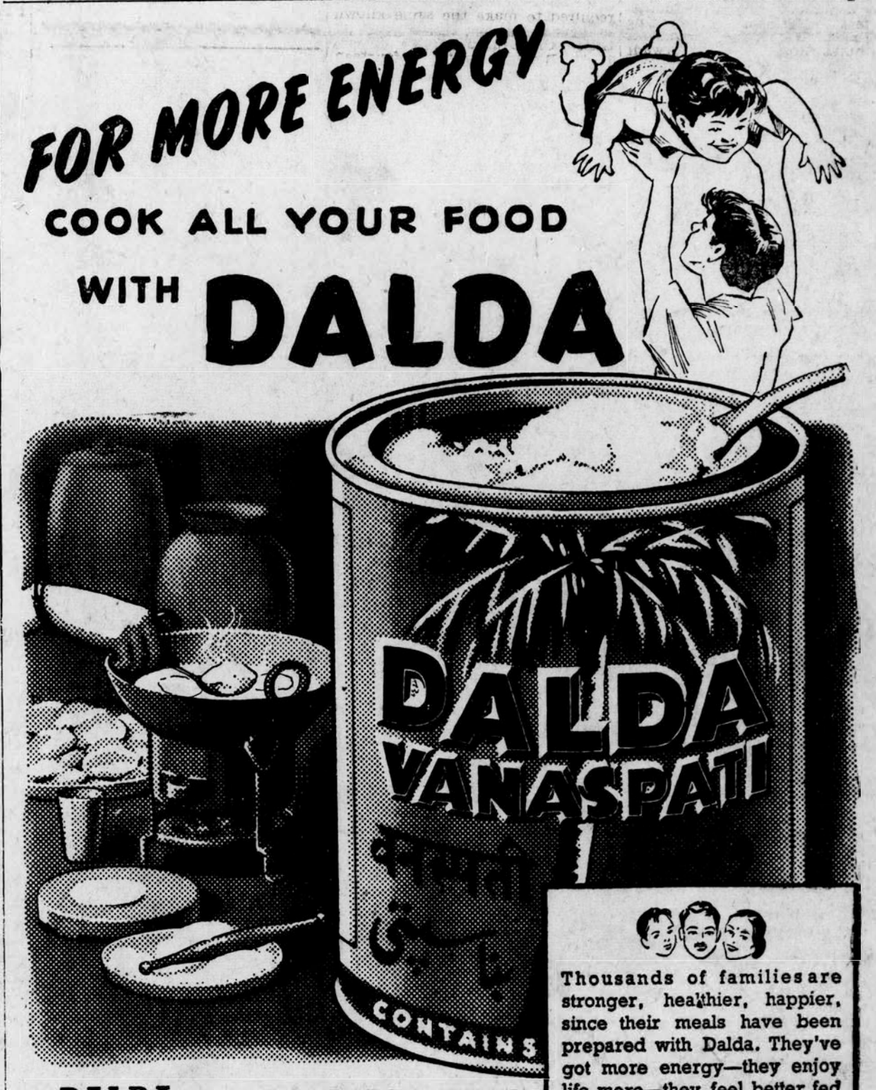
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HOPES AND FEARS

Sir Stafford Cripps' decision to stay on in India for some more days than he had at first arranged is most welcome. If it shows, on the one hand, that he has not yet succeeded in his mission, it also shows that he hopes to succeed as else he would not have stayed on. His remark that "points of difficulty are coming down to fairly narrow limits" may be wishful thinking, but it is well said that if hopes are dupes fears may be liars. Sir Stafford said to the press conference on Thursday: "It was rather natural that in a state of keen excitement people had tended to overcommit themselves in a particular direction at rather too early a stage and I think that judging from what I have seen in the press this morning it is a little sobering down now to a more thoughtful frame of mind". We hope for the sake of his own cause he does not think that all that is needed for a settlement is more sobering down on the part of the Indian people. A more reasonable attitude is also necessary on the other side, if Sir Stafford's mission is to bear any fruit.

Possibility Of Settlement

We do not know what Sir Stafford had in mind when he referred to the sobering down "in the press this morning". One does not see much sobering down in the complete rejection of his scheme—it had to be complete because of his own insistence that the scheme must be accepted or rejected as a whole—by the Hindu Mahasabha, the Sikh All-Parties' Conference, the Nationalist Party and the States People's Conference. And as regards the Congress, though it has not yet published its decision, what has been communicated to Sir Stafford is at best a conditional acceptance. There has already been a widespread outcry against the proposals which contemplate Balkanising India. The Congress will not countenance such proposals but may be trusted to go very far in protecting minority rights. And as Sir Stafford's scheme itself leaves room for accommodation in this behalf both between India and Britain and between the different elements in India itself, an understanding on these points seems quite probable.

Defence Must Be Transferred

But the position is harder with regard to the immediate changes in the Central Administration, particularly the control of Defence, because of Britain's point-blank declaration that, even if all the parties make the demand, Defence cannot be a transferred subject. On the other hand, the general Indian demand is not merely that this or that particular subject must be transferred but that all subjects must be transferred. The case for national control of Defence has been stated again and again and by none more strongly than by Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru and Dr. M. R. Jayakar. It is no argument against this demand that the defence of India is part of the general war effort by united nations. If, in spite of such general effort, the Dominions have their own Defence Ministers, there is no reason why India should not have the same status. Even the "Times" of London has come to realise that "the appointment of an Indian to a post in some respects analogous to that of the Secretary of State for war in Britain is apparently within the field of discussion". A joint British-Indian command to defend India is suggested by the Chairman of the American Senate Foreign Affairs Committee. But India's control of her own defence must, within its natural limits, be real and not of a make-believe character. Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru and Dr. M. R. Jayakar are reported to be canvassing support for a compromise formula under which the portfolio which will be in Indian hands will be known as Portfolio for Co-ordination of Defence and that attached to it there will be a Defence Council presided over by an Indian Member, the Commander-in-Chief being one of its members. Whatever the wording of the formula may be, the real test of its virtue will be whether the Indian Defence Minister will have effective control over the general defence policy, or as much control as the Dominions possess. Obviously, the control must be enough to convince the people who are called upon to make all sorts of sacrifices in the war that the war is their own and in their best interests, that they are being defended and not merely exploited. Such conviction can, in the words of Sir Tej Bahadur, "only be created when the country knows that the men at the top are its own men".

Nazis And Turkey

We discuss elsewhere Nazi activities at the western end of the Mediterranean and the more serious danger of a peaceful surrender of the French fleet and colonies to Herr Hitler. Nazi nerve war at the Eastern end is naturally more intense because it is the East which is to be the main theatre of the spring campaign. And the objective, of course, is Turkey. All methods, from cajolery and bribery to warnings and dark threats, are, we have no doubt, being used to make Turkey subserve Germany's military and political ends. Our London correspondent reports a number of terms which Herr von Papen is taking to Turkey on behalf of Germany. It is interesting to note that they do not include a demand for the passage of land troops through Turkey. But Turkey is invited to join Herr Hitler's New Order and to throw open the Dardenelles from which only one belligerent can profit. The first means the beginning of the end of political independence, the second, the immediate end of territorial integrity. The Turk is too wise a realist to be fooled by these terms even with the bait of alleged leadership of the Middle East. These terms will not be accepted. And no amount of threat is going to succeed with him.

In fact, whether in anticipation of Herr von Papen's impending proposals or in reply to the propaganda campaign that has been in full swing for some time, President Ineunu recently made a speech at Smyrna in which he reiterated Turkey's friendship for all the belligerents and her determination not to compromise her neutrality in any way. Then he gave the following significant warning: "We have been a mobilised nation since the beginning of the war. Turkey will keep its armies on a war footing and will be ready and awake for any emergency." We do not see how the Nazi High Command can agree to the grievous blunder of precipitating a crisis with Turkey. The country has something like a million men under arms and can mobilise another million if necessary. She is substantially, if not powerfully supported in her rear by General Auchinleck's well-equipped Ninth Army—General Sikorski has just announced that further Polish divisions are on their way to Iran from Russia and that M. Stalin has agreed to arm and equip more thousands of Poles—and an air force. Herr Hitler may well entangle fifty divisions of German and satellite troops if he takes on Turkey. And this will be a disaster for his strategy. He will, we think, use every kind of persuasion and threat but will not venture to take the supreme plunge. He will concentrate against Russia, particularly in the South of which, indeed, there are several sure indications already.

American Technical Mission

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry has addressed a letter to the Government of India expressing its fears about the forthcoming visit of the American Technical Mission. The Federation has not had very encouraging experience of the Roger Mission or the Eastern Group Conference. Nor has the recent establishment of an American assembly plant for automobiles on Indian soil been very reassuring. The Federation fears that attempts may be made to obtain trade and tariff concessions or special privileges for American industry in the post-war period as a price for financial and technical help during the war. The Federation accordingly urges upon Government that "they should co-operate with the American Mission only on the basis of obtaining technical help and supply and should, under no circumstances, surrender India's right to frame and execute her fiscal policy according to her own requirements either now or in the post-war years for securing American collaboration." The Federation has expressed fears existing in the minds of most businessmen in India. But Government's reply to a question on this subject in the Council of State the other day was too vague and halting to allay these fears. They should make a fuller statement on the scope of the work of the Mission and should take Indian businessmen into confidence regarding how best the Mission can be utilised to serve India's economic needs.

Frankly Speaking

Tragedy Of Air Weakness

The Japanese have paid heavily for the prize that Toungoo represents, having lost 5,000 in killed alone. It is a victory as much for the Chinese as for the Japanese. The Chinese effectively defeated the enemy's attempt to annihilate the garrison. Chinese troops not only relieved the garrison but also captured important posts which the Japanese had occupied to the north of the town. This is a creditable performance. The Chinese are covering themselves with glory. But the tragedy is that they have little air support compared to the Japanese. This is the difficulty under which General Alexander also suffers and so badly that he has publicly deplored it.

Western Mediterranean

As a preparation for the spring campaign the Nazis appear to have begun their usual preliminary nerve offensive on the usual scale. Both ends of the Mediterranean, for instance, have come into prominence during the last few days. After almost a year enemy planes approaching from "the northern direction"—where, one wonders, were they based?—have attempted a raid on Gibraltar though without success. A back ground for this revival of attention, has, secondly, been provided by reports that a Nazi drive against Portugal is feared. All this is by no means impossible for Nazi grand strategy does include the occupation of the Iberian Peninsula, reduction of Gibraltar and then a drive eastwards through North Africa and an anti-American campaign from Dakar. But are military operations even with the active co-operation of General Franco feasible? Mainly pre-occupied as the Nazis will be in Russia, they will only be offering a long, thin and vulnerable line for serious attacks from Britain. What is more intelligible and dangerous is the German pressure on Vichy. The Nazis know well how violently antagonistic the French are to M. Laval. He is, more likely than not, being used, to compel to ambitious Admiral Darlan to retain his own dominent position in Vichy by yielding to German demands. M. Laval may well be the black-mailer's threat to secure from Admiral Darlan the French Fleet and the use of North Africa. If that succeeds the Nazis will achieve their main strategical objectives without tear and toil.

"The Book In India" Exhibition

In connection with the fifth session of the All-India Library Conference to be held in the city during the Easter the Executive Committee has announced a small exhibition of manuscripts and books to be called "The Book in India." The aim of the Exhibition is stated to be to trace the growth of the art and craft of book production in India by arranging the display in four sections: (i) manuscripts, (ii) lithographed books, (iii) early printed books and (iv) contemporary books. Apart from the undeniable academic interest of the Exhibition as a whole, the last section can be of great practical value if it is full and varied and represents all the important processes in the production of books. India has made much progress in recent years in printing and publishing. But a great deal more is possible if printers and publishers are better organised. They can help themselves by helping the proposed Exhibition.

On Russian Front

DEEP SALIENTS MADE IN NAZI POSITIONS

LONDON, April 2.

News from the Russian front as given in London authoritative circles to-day says that the Russians have made deep salients at various points in the German positions and similarly the Germans have created deep salients in the Russian positions.

The question is who can cut off the other. In Staraya Russa, Soviet operations are over a large area and everything will depend on whether the Russians can reduce the Germans before the Nazis can bring up reinforcements. —Reuter.

Germans Hurled Back On Southern Front

MOSCOW:— When a Russian battalion on one sector of the southern front launched an attack on the German position, the Germans counter-attacked with 20 tanks.

The Russians resisted stubbornly and the Germans, after losing three tanks, retreated, states the Moscow radio.—Reuter.

FACILITIES FOR EVACUATION

TRICHINOPOLY, April 1.

The management of the South Indian Railway has decided to grant to the Company's servants advance of pay and special passes for the evacuation of their families from Madras, Trichinopoly and certain other stations.

The concessions would apply to all subordinates and inferior staffs permanant and temporary.

An advance of pay of one month or Rs. 100 whichever is less will be allowed free of interest, recoverable in twelve monthly instalments.—A. P.

Evacuation Issue To The Fore In Assembly

CHARGE OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND USE OF FORCE DENIED

NEW DELHI, April 2.

In the Central Assembly to-day, Mr. Kailash Beharilal attempted to move an adjournment motion on the alleged misconduct of Tommies at Sarnath on March 19, when explosives were used by them resulting in the death of two students and injuries to eleven other persons.

The President disallowed the motion on the ground that the mover could not give definite details regarding the incident, and that Government had no information on the subject.

Replying to Sir Frederick James, Mr. Aney informed the Legislative Assembly that Mr. R. H. Hutchings, Agent of the Government of India in Burma, had completely denied Mr. Mohamed Hussein's allegation in the Council of State on 18th March that he had showed racial discrimination and used force on some Indian evacuees when they wanted to leave Rangoon by steamer. Mr. Hutchings could not even connect it with any incident that came to his knowledge. Mr. Aney said the Secretary of the Department of Indians Overseas had written to Mr. Hussein asking for evidence and in particular for the date of the alleged occurrence, the name of the ship and the names of at least some of the persons involved. The only reply received so far was to the effect that the information was given to him by a gentleman who heard it from another gentleman who was told of it by a relative who claimed to be an eye-witness. The gentleman whose relative claimed to have witnessed the occurrence had promised to write to that relative for a statement. No such statement had yet been forwarded to Government.

CASE OF BAKSHI

Sir Reginald Maxwell informed Mr. Chattopadyaya that Mr. Satyaranjan Bakshi who was now under detention in Delhi jail was medically examined on 25th March and his health was found to be satisfactory. The Home Member added that it was not proposed to remove Mr. Bakshi from Delhi jail at present and his case would not be due for review by the tribunal for sometime to come.

The Legislative Assembly accepted the motions of Messrs. Kazmi and Ghani to have the bills amending the Indian Medical Council Act and repealing the sugar industry (protection) act circulated for eliciting public opinion.

Mr. N. R. Sarkar had no objection to the circulation of the bill amending the Indian Medical Council Act, while Sir A. Ramaswami Mudaliar welcomed an opportunity for all parties concerned with sugar industry to express their opinion on the desirability or otherwise of repealing the sugar industry (protection) act. He incidentally pointed out that all Provincial Governments interested in the industry had unanimously favoured the retention of the present level of protection given to the industry.

The Assembly then gave leave to Mr. Kazmi to introduce a bill seeking to abolish punishment of whipping and adjourned 'sine die'. —A. P.

EMERGENCY KITCHEN FOR CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA, April 2.

The 'United Press' learns that in order to ensure a regular supply of foodstuffs for the City of Calcutta in the event of actual bombing, the Corporation of Calcutta contemplates to undertake a scheme for feeding the people, at an estimated cost of Rs. 40 lakhs.

It is also learnt that a proposal has been made to take loan of the above amount, if necessary, from the Imperial Bank of India with the sanction of the Local Government or hundies from the Reserve Bank of India.—United Press.

Evacuation Schemes And Reception Areas

In the Council of State on March 31 the Hon. Mr. N. K. Das asked Government to state whether they had arranged, "in view of the proximity of danger of war, to set up evacuation and reception areas as has been done in England."

The Hon. Mr. E. Raghavendra Rao, Member for Civil Defence, the Viceroy's Executive Council, replied: This matter is really one for Provincial Governments to consider, but I have every reason to believe that adequate arrangements have been made in accordance with the general instructions issued by the Government of India, which drew attention to the need for preparation of evacuation schemes and such reception areas.

CHINESE BRITISH EVACUEES "No Racial Discrimination Made"

The Director of Information writes:—

No racial discrimination has been made in the case of Chinese British subjects evacuated to Bombay. A newspaper article making allegations to the contrary against the non-official Reception Committee and Government is as incorrect as is the report that distinction in the giving of financial assistance has been made between evacuees of different nationalities. The facts are as follows:

In the beginning, when evacuees were arriving in hundreds at short intervals and immediate assistance from every possible source was invited to receive them the Consul for China was good enough to consent to receive both Chinese and British Chinese subjects, and it was felt that he would be in a better position to ascertain their immediate requirements particularly in the matter of food arrangements. At the same time all evacuees were met by members of the Reception Committee.

IN SHOKIN LODGE

Most of the British Chinese subjects have been housed in Shokin Lodge and in flats kindly lent to the Consul by a generous landlord where the accommodation is in no way inferior to that in houses occupied by other evacuees, and in some cases too British Chinese subjects have been housed in buildings managed by the Reception Committee. Shokin Lodge was secured by Government in consultation with the Reception Committee and payment for the arrangements there has been made by Government.

Now that the rush of arrivals is over and closer attention can be given to individual cases, the non-official Committee will assume care of the British Chinese including persons who were regarded as British in Singapore although possessed of Chinese passports and also some families who are partly British and partly Chinese until nationality can be determined; and and it has co-opted a British Chinese representative on the Committee.

NO DISCRIMINATION

The Reception Committee which has the full confidence of Government has exercised no discrimination whatsoever and has assisted the British Chinese in imparting information and obtaining employment in the same way as it has assisted other evacuees.

There has been no distinction in giving temporary financial assistance to evacuees who are British subjects and all alike including British Chinese subjects are being assisted under the same conditions when their resources are insufficient. It is incorrect to say that European evacuees have been given lavish assistance. Such advances are made by Government and a Press Note on the subject has been issued some days ago for the assistance of evacuees.

REFUGEE BOY PUSHED DOWN RAILWAY PLATFORM?

Inquiry Into European Soldier's Conduct

CALCUTTA, April 2.

The Hon. Mr. Santosh Kumar Basu, Minister for Co-ordination of Civil Defence, made a statement in the Bengal Assembly to-day regarding an incident which took place at the Sealdah railway station on March 14, wherein a European soldier was alleged to have pushed a refugee boy in the narrow space between the edge of the platform and train, and, on remonstration, was about to assault Mr. Saraogi, Secretary of the Marwari Relief Society.

Mr. K. Sen, I.C.S., the Special Officer of the Bengal Government to look after evacuees, on receipt of information, made enquiry from the Military officer in charge of the Military Families Reception Office at Sealdah station, who informed that the soldier concerned did not belong to his staff, neither could he be traced.

The matter was further discussed at a meeting of the Evacuees Reception Committee on March 20, when Mr. Holland, Additional Secretary to the Department of Public Health and Local Self-Government, who was present at the station on the day of the incident, proposed to take up the matter with the Military authorities, if the names of some witnesses were available. On two names of witnesses being supplied, Mr. Holland wrote on March 26 to Brigadier Costin giving a detailed account of the incident and the indignation it caused among the bystanders. He also urged an enquiry to be made to discover the culprit and to take steps to avoid a similar occurrence.

Brigadier Costin replied on March 27 that an enquiry was being made, results of which would be communicated to Mr. Holland. —United Press.

Ankara Bomb Trial

Disclosures About Two Suit Cases

ANKARA, April 2.

Troops with fixed bayonets surrounded the Court in Ankara, when the trial opened of the four men accused of complicity in a bomb plot against the German Ambassador von Papen. The crowd in the Court included Russian and German observers as well as the British Minister, Mr. Morgan. The accused are Abdur Rahman Sayman, Suleyman Sagol, Gordi Pavlov, and Leonid Kornilov.

According to their own accounts, Rahman is 27 and was born at Skoplje in Yugoslavia, Suleyman is 33 and came to Turkey in 1938, Kornilov is 33 and employed by the Soviet Trade Delegation in Istanbul, and Pavlov was born in Siberia and is a Soviet subject.

At the start of the trial, Pavlov referring to Rahman and Suleyman said "I do not want to sit on the same bench as those two Yugoslav provocateurs, who are trying to upset Soviet-Turkish relations."

The Prosecutor said that the names of the accused were found among papers in possession of Omer who carried the bomb and was killed when it exploded, there was also the name of a fifth man, Stefan, who was believed to have escaped to Syria. As Papen was not killed, the Prosecution was not asking for death sentences.

Rahman said that he came from a middle class family of Turkish origin at Skoplje, where he met a girl of a poor family, named Anna Horvat, who converted him to communism. Later, he changed his views as the result of the death of a friend at the hands of Communists. "I hate them now," he declared. Suleyman, whom he met in 1939 told him how a friend of his named Niyazi had escaped from Serbia to Moscow, but later he learnt that Niyazi was really Petko Kiletitch who had been expelled from the Yugoslav Communist Party as a Trotskyite.

THOSE SUIT-CASES

Two suit cases came into his possession to be sent to Niyazi, but he hesitated to forward them, as he was nervous. Instead, he gave them to Suleyman. Rahman said that the German attack on Yugoslavia filled both himself and Omer with hatred for Germany. Later, Suleyman told him and Omer that he had delivered the suit-cases to the Soviet Embassy in Ankara at the time he had arranged for Rahman to meet an unknown stranger in a park next day—October, 1941.

Rahman met the stranger, who he learnt later was Kornilov. Kornilov asked him questions about the suit-cases. He also asked him whether he, through Turkey was going to attack the Soviet Union to which Rahman replied "heard the news, then he went to Omer and opened the suit-cases which contained 10 to 15 documents written in Serbian about Communist prisoners. Finally, he borrowed thirty liars from Bordnilov for which he claimed to have signed a receipt saying "received thirty liras from the Soviet Embassy for Information." Later he met Pavlov and Stefan—a Slovene who asked him whether he would "do something in Yugoslavia, Greece, Bulgaria and possibly Turkey—and whether he could use a pistol. They also asked him to sound out Omer. The trial adjourned.—Reuter.

TÊTE-A-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT

LONDON, April 1.

Gibraltar had its first air raid since July, 1941, early this morning.

During very bright moonlight in the early hours of the morning a small number of enemy aircraft approached the Rock from the northern direction, but were promptly engaged by anti-aircraft defences.—Reuter.

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Referring to the reactions to his proposals, Sir Stafford Cripps told pressmen: "I think one may generally say that points of difficulty are coming down to fairly narrow limits and with common goodwill we may be able to solve the difficulties."

"Common" means?

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By the way, Sir Stafford Cripps has postponed his departure from India for a short time.

Mr. Jinnah will further postpone his decision for a short time.

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An American paper explains to us ignoramuses of India, that the defence of India is no longer an Indian problem.

Nor is that of Australia, Britain and even the U. S. A., an Australian, British or American problem.

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The Chairman of the American Senate Foreign Affairs Committee suggests a joint British-Indian command to defend India.

Mr. Churchill's War Cabinet must immediately instruct Lord Halifax—and Sir Girja Shankar Bajpai too, suggests the Junior Colleague—to make indignant representations to President Roosevelt.

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Comrade M. N. Roy, and Comrade Jamnadas M. Mehta are reported to have complained to Sir Stafford Cripps that he had been parleying for a week exclusively with Fascists and communalists.

We don't know about Comrade Roy, but did Comrade Jamnadas M. Mehta suggest that Messrs Savarkar and Moonje, for instance, were Fascists?

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Asked why India was not included in the Pacific War Council President Roosevelt remarked that India was not in the Pacific.

Is Britain, in the Pacific?

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Optimism, we learn, is growing regarding the possibilities of holding off the Japanese in New Guineas.

We need add no comment to the fact that this is partly due to the work of American flying fortresses.

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According to a London report, Herr von Papen is to suggest to the Turks to open the Dardanelles to all belligerent "battleships".

There seems to be some mistake. It couldn't be "battleships" for Signor Mussolini would violently oppose such a proposal.

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Officer (to recruit "Don't you know better than to point an empty gun at me?"

Recruit: "But it's not empty Sir, It's loaded!"

Our Readers' Views

Subhas And Shivaji

To The Editor Of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—After the mysterious disappearance of Mr. Subhas Bose from the Indian scene it was only natural that Dame Rumour should set about weaving fantastic stories about the manner of his exit and his present whereabouts. In the absence of anything in the nature of impartial evidence, the reports of his death are merely matters for speculation to idle minds. Students of history might, however, discover in the very emergence of such rumours an instance of how history repeats itself. It might be interesting in this sense to point out certain parallels from the life of Shivaji, the Founder of the Maratha Empire.

Reports of the simultaneous appearance of Shivaji in various parts of the country are of course known to be of frequent occurrence. But the parallel goes much further in that Shivaji appears to have died many a death at the hands of Dame Rumour, before he actually passed away in 1680. Contemporary English Factory records provide many instances of the emergence of such rumours. One such rumour appears to have caught the popular fancy in the year 1675 and continued to receive some credence well on till 1676. In a letter of the 11th January of the former year sent from Rajapur to Surat a rumour of Shivaji's death is mentioned. The same tale is repeated in following words in another letter of the 17th of the same month addressed from Bombay to Surat: "For these many days here is a continued report of Sevagee's being dead and buried, naming the place of his death, distemper, manner and place of burial. It is reported he was poisoned by his son: his son being informed, his father had commanded the watch of the Rairee Castle to throw him down over the wall, if he left not going out at nights after the watch was sett to meet a daughter of one of his chiefest Brahminees, whose daughter he had debauched; that he was sick we certainly know and that his distemper proceeded from the violent pain he had in his head which was almost rotten." A letter of the 24th January addressed from Surat to Bombay also refers to "a flying report that Sevagee is dead." Letters of the 27th January and the 8th February confirm the rumour. And in a letter of as late as the 7th April of the following year we find the following: "The report still continues of Sevagee's death (but yett it is much doubted.) He was poisoned by his barber and for a long time hath not appear'd abroad." Sevagee's death actually occurred on the 5th April, 1680. But false rumours had anticipated this event so often that when it actually occurred, it took a long time for the people to take it for more than a rumour. A letter dated about a month after the event (7th May, 1680), addressed from Surat to Bombay, reflects this state of mind: "Sevagee's death is confirmed from all places yett some are still under a doubt of the truth, such reports having been used to run of him before some considerable attempt wherefore shall not be too confident untill well assured." Again, a letter of the 20th May, 1680, proceeds to add: "Sevagee hath for some time been creditably reported for dead but now it is contradicted as only a designe to catch his eldest son Sombaje Rajah, who hath highly offended him." And a letter of as late a date as the 16th December, 1680, addressed from Hoogli to Bombay remarks 'Sevagie hath dyed so often that some begine to thincke him immortal. Tis certaine little beliefe can be given to any report of his death till experience shew it per the warning of his hitherto prosperous affaires, since when he dyes indeed it is thought he has none to leave behinde him to carry on things att the rate and fortune he has all along done."

It is interesting to speculate whether the patterns of the lives of Shivaji and Subhash will show yet another point of contact, and the reported death of Subhash will luckily turn out to be merely a parallel to Shivaji's dramatic escape from Agra.—Yours etc.,

A. K. PRIOLKAR.

Bombay.

A. R. P. Divisions

To the Editor of "The Chronicle".

Sir,—The present distribution of the A.R.P. into operational divisions leaves much to be desired. We in the Shivaji Park locality, for example, find ourselves divided into two camps, the northern half going into the Mahim Division and the southern into the Dadar Division.

The Shivaji Park is a compact locality and one of the best developed in this city. It is highly desirable, therefore, to group it under one unit. It may be recalled that a similar distribution into two separate postal districts has been dropped by the authorities now and the locality is now served by one post office at Cadell Road (Bombay No. 28). Many of us would like the A.R.P. authorities to follow this example and to have a separate unit for Shivaji Park area as covered by the Cadell Road Post Office.—Yours, etc.

"SHIVAJI PARK RESIDENT".

Matriculation French Paper

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—I shall thank you to spare me per set at the last Matriculation express my views on the French Paper set ata the last Matriculation Examination.

One of the sentences given for translation is:

"Let his eyes remain open so that he MIGHT see the vengeance come."

Here 'might' ought to have been 'may.'

Another sentence is:

"She repeated to her [illegible] Francois had told her."

The use of 'what' after 'all', instead of 'that' is a bad error.—Yours etc.

H. A. BATLIWALLA.

In Middle East

R. A. F. ATTACK ON BENGHAZI

CAIRO, April 2.

To-day's R. A. F. Middle East 'communique' states: "Shipping and harbour installations at Benghazi were effectively raided by bomber aircraft of the Middle East Command during Monday night.

In the forward area of Cyrenaica, our fighter aircraft have maintained their offensive operations. Enemy ground forces, transport vehicles, camps and road communications in the Martuba, Tmimi and Derna areas were attacked during Tuesday night.

Enemy aircraft were active over Malta during March 31 and April 1. Our fighter aircraft shot down three Junker 88 and another German bomber was destroyed by anti-aircraft fire. Other enemy bombers and fighters were severely damaged. Five of our aircraft missing.

"Opponent Of Red Tape And Inefficiency"

Meherally Breaks Record As City's Youngest Mayor

The Mayoral election on Thursday was a walk-over to Mr. Y. J. Meherally who secured 65 votes.

The Municipal Corporation Hall was not only crowded with Councillors, but also presented a very lively appearance on Thursday being the day fixed for Mayoral election. Apart from the Councillors of different groups and parties, the friends of the candidates too had congregated in large numbers. As Dr. J. A. Collaco, vacated his office as Mayor, from midnight of 31st March, Mr. S. K. Patil moved the proposition seconded by Mr. Nagindas T. Master that Dr. J. A. Collaco do take the chair which was agreed to. The Chairman then signed the minutes of the last meeting, and Mr. S. K. Patil moved that "the House now do proceed to elect the Mayor."

POINT OF ORDER

At this stage, Prof. S. R. Davar raised a point of order that the nominations of Mr. Y. J. Meherally and Mr. M. N. Killedar were not in order, as three "clear" days' notice as required under the rules and procedure for election of the Mayor was not complied with, since the nominations were presented in the office of the Municipal Secretary on the evening of the 31st March.

The Chairman said Messrs. Zalwala and Co., Solicitors, had also sent a notice on behalf of Mr. M. I. Rowji, one of the candidates, to that effect, and therefore, he would like to hear further discussion on the point of order raised by Prof. S. R. Davar.

Mr. K. F. Nariman said since Sunday and Monday were holidays, it was not possible for the candidates to send in their nominations earlier than Tuesday and therefore the nominations were in order.

Mr. S. K. Patil and Mr Nagindas T. Master also supported Mr. Nariman

Dr. J. A. Collaco, the Chairman, in giving his ruling, agreed with Mr. Nariman and Mr. Patil's contentions that owing to Sunday and Monday being holidays, the nominations were presented in the Municipal Secretary's office on Tuesday, and therefore, three days were to be counted from Tuesday. He therefore ruled that the nominations were in order.

Mr. M. I. Rowji then got up and intimated to the Chairman that he would go to the High Court and asked him to take a note of the same.

The Mayoral election was then proceeded with and resulted as follows:

Mr. Y. J. Meherally 65 votes.
Mr. M. M. Killedar 25 votes and
Mr. M. I. Rowji 9 votes.

The total strength of the Congress Party is 58 out of whom 2 were absent. As Mr. Meherally received 65 votes, apart from the Congress Party, nine Independents also voted for him. The Federated Group solidly voted for Mr. Killedar, the nominee of the Group.

Mr. Meherally occupied the Mayoral chair amidst thundering applause. Addressing the City Fathers, he said:—

"Allow me first to thank you all for calling me to this high office at such a critical time in our own, and in world history. I recognise the great honour you have done to me, and am very grateful for it. But the present occasion is not only one for exchanging happy felicitations, for history is knocking at our gates.

Our city, at the moment, is not in the immediate danger zone, but it may soon be. Experience suggests that panic has caused greater loss and far greater injury than the real or imaginary dangers which have called it into being. The citizens of Bombay have always looked to us for guidance and help in times of stress and difficulty, and now when unsettled times seem to be the normal rule rather than the exception over the greater part of the globe, and when several of these intricate and difficult problems threaten to invade our comparative security, it will be right and proper for us to devote our thought and attention to the service we have to render to the citizens in danger.

GUARDIAN OF RIGHTS

Friends, you have elected me to this office in the full knowledge that I am a Congressman and a Socialist, and during the year, I shall naturally remain associated with the activities with which I have been connected hitherto. But I may assure you that so long as I remain in this Chair, with your kind assistance, I shall resist any encroachments on the rights and privileges of this House from whatever quarter it may come. The members of this House can depend upon me to conduct the proceedings of this Assembly in a spirit of impartiality and on a strictly judicial view of matters coming up for decision, and in keeping with the high traditions associated with this Chair over a long and memorable period of years, as also with the Congress Municipal Party to which I am proud to belong.

WAR ON RED-TAPISM

I shall naturally look forward to the co-operation of not only the members of this House, but also of the heads of the various Municipal departments. They will always be able to rely upon me in the just discharge of their arduous duties. I would also like to add that I am an implacable opponent of red tape and inefficiency and wherever these are found, I shall exert such influence as this office may command to check them, without fear or favour. In this, I naturally look forward to the co-operation of the public to bring to my notice any relevant cases.

Let me thank you all once again for the honour you have done me. Mr. M. M. Killedar then shook hands with Mr. Meherally and Dr. P. H. Mehesher garlanded him on behalf of the Congress Party.

Biographical Sketch

Mr. Yusuf Meherally the newly elected Mayor of the City of Bombay is 36 years of age. He is the youngest Mayor of the city. He was educated at the Elphinstone and the Government Law Colleges Bombay. He is a B.A. LL.B. He was refused Sanad by the Bombay High Court for his political activities. This is the only case of its kind in the Bombay High Court. He won first prize and gold medal at the All-India Elocution Competition held at Madras in 1927.

He founded the Bombay Youth League and successfully carried out the boycott of Simon Commission, in 1928. He was the General Secretary of the All-India Youth Congress held at Calcutta in 1928. He was the Secretary of the Independence of India League in 1929. He was editor of a weekly journal named "The Vanguard." He was the G.O.C. of the Congress Volunteers in 1930. He organised National Militia in 1930. He was Chairman of the All-India Students' Congress in 1931. He was one of the founder members of the Congress Socialist Party. He is its present General Secretary. He was the G.O.C. of Congress volunteers at the Bombay session of the Indian National Congress in 1934. He was the leader of the Indian delegation to the World Youth Congress held at New York in 1938. He represented the Congress Socialist Party at the World Congress on Culture held in Mexico City in 1938. Toured various countries of Asia, Europe and America.

He organised Shop Assistants in Bombay in 1935. He was President of the Cutch Prajakya Parishad in 1939. He was President of the All-India Students' other political activities. He has at Patna in 1941. He is a member of the Council of the All-India Trade Union Congress. He has presided over many conferences and gatherings of Kisans, Labour, Youth and Students. For the past several years, he has been a member of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee and the All-India Congress Committee. He has been jailed seven times in connection with the Civil Disobedience movement and other political activities. He is been a member of the Bombay Municipal Corporation since 1935.

Japanese Delegate To The Vatican

TOKYO, April 2.

It is disclosed today that Mr. Ken Harada who has been appointed Japanese Delegate to the Vatican is a Roman Catholic. His wife is a Roman Catholic and he adopted the faith when he married her.—Reuter.

ADMIRAL MUSELIER RESIGNS FROM NATIONAL COMMITTEE

LONDON, April 2.

Free French Admiral Muselier has resigned from the National Committee at his own request and has been replaced by Rear Admiral Auboyneau as National Commissioner of the Navy, states the Free French News Service denying certain rumours that had been circulating recently regarding Admiral Muselier.

The statement adds that "the Admiral who of course remains a member of the Free French Forces is now spending a month's leave in the country for reasons of health. At the end of his leave General de Gaulle will offer Admiral Muslier another post."—Reuter.

ORISSA'S MINISTRY EXPOSED

CUTTACK, April 1

"The defeat of the Ministry in the Balliguda bye-election, their defeat in the Bihar and Orissa State Aid to Industries Act (Orissa Amendment) Bill and the censure motion that was passed by the Orissa Assembly are lessons for those who call the Orissa Ministry a popular ministry" says Mr. Biswanath Das, ex-Premier and Leader of the Congress Party in the Orissa Assembly in the course of a statement.

Mr. Das adds, "in spite of the bye-election which is deliberately kept pending, the Ministry would not have been in office but for the shelter they have taken under the Defence of India Rules. Let our friend Mr. Amery give them further blessings."—A.P.

National Govt. For Bengal

Governor Declares War On Fifth Columnists

CALCUTTA, April 2.

The desire to meet the leaders of different parties in the Legislative Assembly to-morrow to discuss the question of forming a National Government representing all sections of the House was announced by His Excellency the Governor of Bengal, while addressing the Assembly this morning.

His Excellency stressed the necessity of maintaining the morale of the people which, he thought, was the most essential thing in winning the war.

His Excellency narrated in detail the Civil Defence measures adopted by Government to meet an emergency.

The Governor warned the members against Fifth Columnist activities, whose object was to undermine authority so that people mistrusted orders designed for their own safety, and reiterated the determination of his Government to deal firmly with all such activities, at whatever cost to popularity, in the knowledge that by so doing they should not only earn the respect and the thanks of this province of India and the United Nations, but "may be saving our province from a danger that might imperil her whole future." He also appealed to the public to be careful in their speech and writing about war, to discredit wild stories or rumours and to do their utmost to counteract them. By so appealing, His Excellency did not imply that there was any intention of limiting freedom of speech or the liberty of the press.

Explaining the duties of the citizens if they were faced with the actualities of air attack or invasion, His Excellency exhorted them to make it their common object to defend this province against Japanese aggression and to see to it that if the enemy crossed their frontiers, or landed upon their shores, he would have the least possible chance of success through the denial of any means of transport. "Let us hold fast to the knowledge that in the fullness of time, our enemies will be defeated. They are opposed not only by the growing strength of the United Nations, but by the determination of people throughout the civilised world to put an end for ever to the domination of dictatorship. The task before us is one calling for the mobilisation of all resources in the province in the face of imminent danger. The need for a united war front is urgent."

CONGRESS DECISION

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resolution, which is in the form of a statement, is believed to examine the proposals against the background of the past resolutions of the Congress, particularly the one passed at Bardoli in December, and

strongly criticise the proposals with regard to defence, the option given to Provinces to stay out of the proposed Indian Union and the method of representation of Indian States on the Constitution-Making Body.

A Gesture

The publication of the resolution is being delayed in order to give time to Sir Stafford to communicate it to His Majesty's Government.

Maulana Azad and Pandit Nehru drove to Sir Stafford Cripps' house this evening personally to hand the resolution and stayed on for about an hour to talk over the implications of the resolution.

Thereafter they did not go back to Birla House, where a number of members of the Working Committee and Mahatma Gandhi are staying. They drove to Pandit Nehru's residence and after a brief stay there the Maulana went to his residence.

It appears to have been arranged beforehand that they were to come back to Birla House this evening only if there was anything fresh to report about their talk with Sir Stafford.

Sardar Patel, Babu Rajendra Prasad and some other members were with Mahatma Gandhi till some time before prayers.

Sapru-Jayakar Memorandum

It is pointed out in this connection that the memorandum sent by Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru and Mr. Jayakar to Sir Stafford has also not been released to the press and may be issued tomorrow.

Mahatma Gandhi was to have left Delhi today, but is expected to do so tomorrow. A number of members of the Working Committee, including Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya are staying on indefinitely.—A.P.

One Killed In Mill Workers' Clash

COIMBATORE, April 2

One man was killed and some others including Mr. N. G. Ramaswami, M.L.A. (Madras) were injured in a clash between two sections of workers yesterday afternoon.

The trouble arose following the discharge of about a hundred workers in a Textile mill as a result of reduction of shifts. These men led by Mr. Ramaswami went to the mill to demand their reinstatement when a tussle took place between two sections of workers resulting in one man being fatally stabbed and several others injured.—A.P.

JAP ARRESTS IN BRAZIL

Important Propaganda Material And Arms Seized

SAO PAULO (Brazil), April 2.

Numerous arrests amongst the Japanese community at Bauru in the state of Sao Paulo have been made by the Brazilian police and important propaganda material and arms have been seized.

A considerable number of the detained persons are Japanese army officers who had in their possession a quantity of maps of Brazil. Observing that the "Shinto Temple" did not hold its religious service until about four o'clock in the morning, the police raided it. "The priest and worshippers" were arrested. From documents found on the premises, it appears the "priest" is the head of a considerable Japanese community established all along the railway.

RIO DE JANEIRO:—Many Brazilian sporting and cultural associations have decided to call upon members who belong to the Axis nations to resign.

The Rio de Janeiro morning newspaper "O'Radical" suggests that the Brazilian Press Association should also apply "this prophylactic step".—Reuter.

Chief Nazi Spy In S. America

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 2.

The head of all Nazi spies in South America is a mysterious German officer known as "General Nobody."

The Brazilian police have been informed of the existence of this personage by Nils Christiansen, Nazi Espionage Agent arrested last week.

Christiansen describes "General Nobody" as "a tall broad-shouldered man with a Greek nose and British moustache."

He had seen him only once when he made himself known to Christiansen to rebuke him for neglecting his duties.—Reuter.

Japanese Exodus From U. S. Pacific Coast

LOS ANGELES, April 2.

The first organised mass movement of Japanese from United States Pacific Coast communities to resettlement areas inland begins to-day.

The authorities estimate that 139,000 Japanese will be compulsorily removed from the coast. Of these 120,000 have been living in California, 14,500 in the State of Washington and 4,500 in Oregon.

They will henceforth be leaving their homes at the rate of between 2,000 and 3,000 daily until the exodus is completed.

The Japanese will go to the resettlement areas as family groups and will be employed in productive work such as agriculture and manufacturing.—Reuter.

CEYLON'S DEFENCE PREPARATIONS

COLOMBO, April 2

The Associated Press correspondent writes: There is a new sense of urgency about Ceylon's defence preparations in the last few days. No official explanation has been given of the air-raid alerts sounded on Monday and again to-day but the man-in-the-street has been quick to realise that though the alerts so far are without incidents, he can no longer regard the preparations he sees around him purely as precautionary against possible future contingencies. Apart from comprehensive A.R.P. instructions the public have been advised what to do in the event of emergencies, for example, of enemy agents landing by parachute or sea. Rewards up to five thousand rupees have been offered for the capture of such agents should they land.

In the new atmosphere of urgency, there is a marked change in the civilian population's response to the alerts which, during earlier practices has been so unsatisfactory that once the Governor Sir Andrew Caldecott roundly condemned it as "rotten". To-day's alert had a satisfactory response.—A.P.

League Session Opens To-day

ALLAHABAD, April 2.

With the Annual Session of the Muslim League beginning tomorrow, delegates and volunteers have been arriving here in large numbers since early this morning today.

Among the arrivals are many members of the All-India Muslim League Working Committee, Nawab Ismail, Maulana Mohammed Akram, President of the Bengal Muslim League, and Mr. Ispahani, Deputy Mayor of Calcutta.

Choudhary Khaliq-uz-Zaman who left Delhi for Lucknow yesterday will be arriving early tomorrow morning. Some of the Working Committee members are expected to-night.

Mr. M. A. Jinnah, the President, is expected to arrive by the Toofan Mail at about 4-30 a.m. and will stay at the station till dawn. He will have his breakfast at the station and then will be taken out in a procession in a beautifully decorated car. All the 111 gates specially erected on the route are complete. All the Muslim shops on the way have been profusely decorated.

Nawab Mohommad Ismail Khan, the President of the U.P. Muslim League, will unfurl the Muslim League Flag at the pandal at 4-15 in the evening. The Council of the League will then meet at the Subjects Committee pandal and will be addressed by Mr Jinnah. The first sitting of the open session will be held at 8-30 p.m.—A. P.

States' Muslims' Demands

ALLAHABAD, April 2.

The All-India States Muslim League will meet here coinciding with the annual session of the All India Muslim League under the Presidentship of Nawab Bahadur Yar Jung Bahadur on April 4.

It is believed that agenda of the All India States Muslim League conference includes consideration of the Cripps' proposals inasmuch as they affect Muslim subjects of Indian states and a number of resolutions dealing with Muslim subjects of States like Mysore, Palanpur, Udaipur, Kapurthala and Dhar.—A. P.

Muslim Leaguer Returned Unopposed

LAHORE, April 2.

Nawab Iftikhar Hussain, President of the Punjab Provincial Muslim League, has been returned unopposed to the Punjab Assembly from the Ferozepur Central (Muhammadan) Constituency in the by-election caused by the death of his father, the late Nawab of Mamdot, the nomination papers of his rival candidate, Mr. Azizuddin Bhatti, having been rejected.—A. P.

MADRAS MILLS TO REOPEN

MADRAS, April 2

The management of the Buckingham and Carnatic Mills have notified to-day that the mills which have been closed on the 11th of the last month following disturbances will resume normal work from Monday, the 6th instant as in the opinion of the management a great majority of the workers are anxious to return to work.

While requiring the workers to resume work unconditionally on Monday next, the management draws their attention to the fact "opportunities have always existed in the past whereby employees could make their representations to the management and those representations can still be made when work has been peacefully resumed."

It is understood the city police will not proceed with the prosecution of 16 workers arrested in connection with the disturbances on the 11th ultimo.—A.P.

FATAL STABBING

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A middle-aged woman Zulekhabai, wife of Usman was fatally stabbed, it is alleged, by her father at the junction of Haines Road and Worli Road this evening, sequel to a quarrel over demand for money.

It would appear that the suspect who accidentally met his daughter at the junction of the roads demanded payment of some money which the latter refused. In a rage, the suspect is said to have whipped out a clasp knife and stabbed her with fatal consequences.

The suspect was arrested.

Council Of State

EMERGENCY COMMISSIONS IN INDIAN ARMY

"Unsatisfactory Nature" Of Govt.'s Answer: Adjournment Motion Disallowed

NEW DELHI, April 2.

The Council of State sat for 22 minutes this morning and adjourned 'sine die'.

At question time, General Sir Alan Hartley stated that total number of emergency commissioned officers in the Indian army was 68 who belonged to the British Dominions and Colonies of whom nine were Australians, 30 New Zealanders and 29 Rhodesians.

Mr. Conran Smith, Home Secretary stated that provisions of the registration of Foreigners Rules shall not apply to Mrs. Doris W. Jepson, an official attached to the Headquarters United States of America Tenth Air Force, Delhi.

Mr. C. M. Trivedi, Secretary, Communications Department moved for consideration of the Motor Vehicles' Act Amendment Bill as passed by the Legislative Assembly. He said that the object of the Bill was fully set out in the notes on clauses attached to the Bill. Changes introduced were suggested by the Provincial Governments which were accepted to remove the defects as rendered in the operation of the main act.

The Bill was passed without any discussion.

President said, he had just received a notice of motion for Adjournment of the House signed by Mr. Sapru and Mr. Hussain Imam drawing attention to the unsatisfactory nature of the answer given this morning by General Hartley to Mr. Kunzru's question regarding persons belonging to British Dominions and Colonies holding commissions in the British Army. President disallowed the motion on the ground that adequate notice was not given.

The House adjourned 'sine die.' —A. P.

Huq Asks Cripps To Interview Sarat Bose

CALCUTTA, April 2.

The 'United Press' understands that a memorandum on behalf of the Bengal Congress Parliamentary Party (Bose Group) requesting Sir Stafford Cripps to interview Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose and to see that he is set at liberty, has been submitted to Sir Stafford by the Hon. Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq, Bengal Premier.—United Press.

Ruiker's Letter To Cripps

NAGPUR, April 2.

Mr. R. S. Ruiker, President of the All-India Forward Bloc, has sent a letter to Sir Stafford Cripps requesting him to interview Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose and secure his release "with a view to facilitating the acceptance of the British proposals by Bengal".—United Press.

"B" Route For China's Supplies To India

CHUNGKING, April 2.

An alternative route to the Burma route for China's supplies from India termed "B" is expected to be ready for service shortly.

Making this statement here the spokesman of the Transportation Control Bureau of the National Military Council added that "the route "B" would be finished before it would be needed.—Reuter.

COLD WAVE FOR FINLAND

VICHY, April 2.

A fresh cold wave has swept over Finland where violent blizzards are reported, according to a Helsinki telegram.—Reuter.

Ambedkar's 'No' To Cripps

"Proposals Calculated To Do Greatest Harm To Depressed Classes"

NEW DELHI, April. 2.

The Cripps' proposals are calculated to do the greatest harm to the depressed classes, declare Dr. B. R. Ambedkar and Rao Bahadur M. C. Rajah in a letter to Sir Stafford Cripps. "We told you", they say, "when we met you on March 30th that the proposals of H. M. Government relating to constitutional development of India will not be acceptable to the depressed classes for the reasons which we placed before you at the interview. Since then we have had consultations with many of the depressed classes representatives in the various provincial and central legislatures and all of them have unanimously endorsed the view we placed before you regarding the proposals.

We are all of us absolutely convinced that the proposals are calculated to do the greatest harm to the depressed classes and are sure to place them under an unmitigated system of Hindu rule. Any such result which takes us back to the black days of the ancient past will never be tolerated by us and we are all determined to resist any such catastrophe befalling our people with all the means at our command.

We request you to convey to H. M. Government our deepest anxiety regarding the future of the depressed classes and to impress upon them that we must look upon it as breach of faith if H. M. Government should decide to force upon the depressed classes a constitution to which they have not given their free and voluntary consent and which does not contain within itself all the provisions that are necessary for safeguarding their interests".—A. P.

Hindu Sabha Executive Meeting To-day

NEW DELHI, April 2

The Working Committee of the Hindu Mahasabha will meet to-morrow morning at nine. Informal consultations among Mahasabha leaders will precede the meeting.

Mr. Gauri Shankar Prasad of Bhagalpur has been co-opted as a member of the Working Committee by the president, Mr. V. D. Savarkar.—A.P.

BAN ON CALICUT DAILY LIFTED

Govt. Accept Security From "Mathrubhumi' Publisher"

MADRAS, April 2

The order prohibiting the publication of the 'Mathrubhumi' a Malayalam daily newspaper from Calicut, has been cancelled, the Government having accepted a security of Rs. one thousand under the Indian Press Emergency Powers Act from the publisher of the paper.

It will be remembered the paper was banned by the Government last week for having published "a prejudicial report" in its issue of February 22nd, 1942.—A.P.

Notice On B. P. L. Bedi

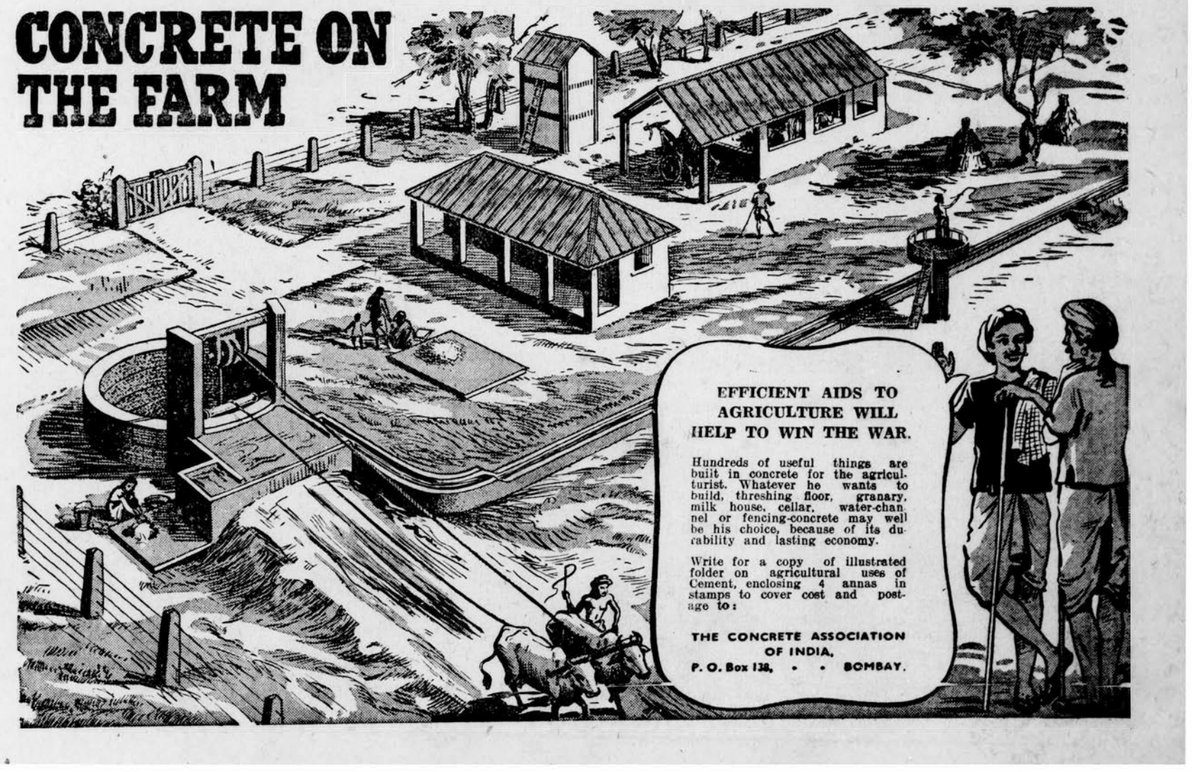
LAHORE, April 2.

Mr. B. P. L. Bedi, a prominent Socialist, was released unconditionally today from the Gujarat Special Jail, to which he was repatriated sometime ago from the Deoli Camp.

He was served with a notice restraining him from participating or speaking in any public meeting or writing anything for newspapers.—A. P.

TRICHINOPOLY, April 2: Mr. N. Balasyam, M.L.A., (Madras) and Mr. Venkatachela Reddiar of 'Namakkal' who were charged under the Defence of India Rules with having made prejudicial speeches were acquitted, to-day by the Divisional Magistrate, Trichinopoly.—A.P.

MADRAS, April 2: No bye-election will be held to fill the vacancy in the Madras Legislative Assembly caused by the resignation of Mr. G. E. Walker, member representing the European Constituency, according to a Press note issued to-day.—A.P.



SECOND DAY OF WAR GIFTS FUND MEETING

Acceptances For Saturday's Races

The following are the Acceptances, for the Second Day of War Gifts Fund Meeting, to be run at Mahalaxmi, on Saturday, April 4.

FIRST RACE: 2-45 P. M.

THE POLLAND PLATE Div II—Distance 6 furlongs.

To be ridden by half jockeys. Riding Boys and apprentice jockeys Half jockeys and Riding Boys will ride on even terms and apprentice jockeys, who have not ridden 5 winners will be allowed 7 lbs.

Mujbil Hamid 9-0; Filfil 9-0; Sea King 8-12; Musafir 8-12; Fighter 8-12; Admiral 8-12; Maher 8-12; Time Slen 7-13; Sultan 7-13 Red Steed 7-13; Mansur Hamid 6-12 King Solomon 6-12

SECOND RACE: 3-15 P. M

THE INDIAN EMPIRE CUP Div. II—Distance 1 mile.

Iceland 9-2; Osman Pasha 9-0; Mahboob's Choice 8-2; Hari Singh 7-9; Call to Arms 8-13; Well Masked 8-11; Ginger Cat 8-7; Tap Dance 8-0; Rattray Sikh 7-9

THIRD RACE: 3-45 P. M.

THE AMERICAN PLATE Div II—Distance 6 furlongs.

To be ridden by apprentice jockeys, apprentice jockeys, who have not ridden 10 winners, will be allowed 2 lbs.

Torquemada 9-0; Glideroy 8-4; Alan-A-Dale 8-4; A La Grande 8-4; Not Out 8-2; King of the Ring 8-0; Atherton 8-0; Discard 8-0; Ginger Cat 7-9; Bright Kid 7-9.

FOURTH RACE: 4-15 P. M.

THE INDIAN EMPIRE CUP Div. I—Distance 1 mile.

Lupescu 9-4; Kiicash 8-11; Kolhapur Pride 8-9; Scottish Star 8-7; Pay Masters 8-7; Hectic 8-1; What's Yours 8-1; Inside Information 7-13; Kunigal 7-13; Money Gold 7-13

FIFTH RACE: 4-45 P. M.

THE POLAND PLATE Div I—Distance 6 furlongs.

Shanghai 9-4; Grey Prince 9-4; Good Boy 9-2; Harut 8-12; Al Ra'eed 8-12; Nabhan Said 8-12; School Boy 8-12; Prince Hachim 8-9; Young Tariq 8-5; Golden Free 8-6; Yisir Al Arab 8-6; Barq Al Ilah 8-5; Maha 8-5; Riman 7-13; Armour 7-13; Egypt 6-12

SIXTH RACE: 5-15 P. M.

THE AMERICAN PLATE Div I—Distance 6 furlongs.

Another Devil 9-4; Ben Braggie 9-0; Marina 8-10; Column Two 8-10; Bastion 8-8; Miss Vesington 8-5; Lidsdown 8-5; Night Reveller 7-11.

SEVENTH RACE: 5-45 P. M.

THE WAR GIFTS FUND CUP—Distance 1 mile, 1 furlong.

Bisharin 9-6; Radio Man 8-11; King of Sports 8-6; Winning Lot 8-4; Tatter-Sol 8-2; Kotor 8-2; Chiliarch 7-9; Cash 7-7; Gipsy Song 7-7

EIGHTH RACE: 6-15 P. M.

THE FREE FRENCH PLATE—Distance 6 furlongs.

Great Star 9-0; Prince Hilal 8-11; Shamamat Hamid 8-8; Kaid Saoud 8-8; Thameen 8-6; Lu'ayb 8-3; Sahran 8-3; King Hilal 8-1; Zahid 7-10; Fadilnat Al Garb 7-10; Kabadon Jamil 7-5; Sabhan Hamid 7-5



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FOREIGN FILM FARE THIS WEEK



Clark Gable 'Honky-Tonk' at Metro.

'HONKY-TONK' STARS GABLE AND LANA

Outstanding Emotional Adventure Story

Expertly blending fast-paced adventure with an unconventional romance, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "Honky-Tonk," which is at Metro, presents Clark Gable and Lana Turner in the starring roles.

This story of a Western gold camp, with its unusual romance, leaves a unanimous impression that the initial teaming of Gable and Turner has produced an outstanding emotional adventure story.

Gable, in the new story, appears as a fascinating card sharp with political ambitions. His part provides a chance to use to best advantage some of the swashbuckling characteristics that helped make such fine entertainment of "Gone With the Wind" and "Boom Town," while Miss Turner plays a dramatic part that gives her a chance to excel even "Ziegfeld Girl" and "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde."

The story moves swiftly through a deftly blended pattern of amusing and exciting incidents in which Gable is run out of one camp after another to finally make his last stand in Yellow Creek, where he not only fleeces the citizens but battles for the state's highest political offices. He fights with six-shooting implements and rapier-keen wit against his enemies and besieges Miss Turner in one of the most unusual courtships of the cinematic year.

"Blood And Sand" At Palace

With blazing pageantry of Spain providing the colourful background for Tyrone Power's most powerful role 20th Century-Fox's technicolour hit, "Blood and Sand," which is at Palace this week, has been hailed as a magnificent, tensely exciting and colourful film. Produced by Darryl F. Zanuck. It features Linda Darnell and Rita Hayworth at the head of an excellent cast.

"Blood and Sand" is the dramatic story of a humble peasant who conquered Spain by becoming its most famous bullfighter, but who was in turn conquered by a beautiful, hard-hearted temptress. Although he loses his glory, his honours, and his friends, his devoted wife remains faithful to the end.

SUNDAY SHOW AT METRO.

On Sunday morning at 10 a. m. April 5th, James Cagney and Ann Sheridan in Warner Bros. "City for Conquest."

"YOU'LL NEVER GET RICH" AT EXCELSIOR

Rita Hayworth And Fred Astaire At Excelsior

The screen's perfect combination of beauty and rhythm—lovely Rita Hayworth and twinkle-footed Fred Astaire are at Excelsior this week in what has been hailed as the year's mightiest bombardment of songs, laughs and girls, Columbia's "You'll Never Get Rich." A musical extravaganza of army life, the hand new film is an example of Hollywood at its best.

"You'll Never Get Rich" presents Astaire as a Broadway Dance director, who enters the Army in order to escape the ardent attentions of Miss Hayworth. Miss Hayworth, childhood friend of an Army officer, follows him there!

The principal song and dance numbers in "You'll Never Get Rich" are "The Boogie Barcarolle," a novelty number combining beautiful ballet and the lowest of low-down boogie woogie stomping; "Dream Dancing," a ballroom number "Shootin' the Works for Uncle Sam," a spectacular production number in which Fred's chorines dance down to Grand Central Station to see him off for draftee life; "So Near and Yet So Far", a languorous rhumba, probably the pictures most haunting melody, executed by Fred and Rita; "The Wedding Cake Walk," grand finale of the film.

"HOLD BACK THE DAWN" AT CAPITOL

Charles Boyer, Paulette Goddard And Olivia

That man of many screen lives, Charles Boyer, does the best b.t o. romancing in his enviable career a Paramount's "Hold Back the Dawn." Co-stars of the dark-eye, Frenchman are Olivia de Havilland and Paulette Goddard.

"Hold Back the Dawn" brings to the screen one of the most unusual stories in many a moon. Boyer, a typical, unscrupulous, handsome hee.s a European emigre with a talent for fleecing wealthy women, an art that won him an easy living in the gay places of France and Italy before the war ended the gigolo industry. Now, stuck for an indefinite period in a sleepy Mexican border town, he has to meet, woo and wed an American girl in order to get into the United States.

Using all the subtleties known only to great lovers, including come-hither eyes, his deep voice and a borrowed wedding ring, Boyer manages to find and trap his victim between dusk and dawn. Then complications set in, leading to a thundering climax and a final happy ending.

Miss de Havilland plays the little school teacher from Azusa, California, who falls for Boyer's suave blandishments and continental charm, Paulette Goddard, radiant and turbulent, is the feminine menace, a lady from Boyer's past who jealously throws monkey wrenches when real love dawns between the teacher and the scoundrel.

The notable cast of supporting players includes Walter Abel, who plays an immigration inspector; Victor Francen, Curt Bois, Eric Feldary, Nestor Paiva, Eva Puig, Michel Ne Chierel, Madeleine Le Beau, Michael Rasumny and Billy Lee. Director Mitchel Leisen plays himself in one scene. The screen play for 'Hold Back the Dawn was written by Charles Brackett and Billy Wilder, from the story by Ketti Frings.

This reviewer can recommend it as a great romantic drama, significant for story and the acting of its three principals.

SUNDAY MORNING SHOW AT 10-30

'Honeymoon in Bali' starring Madeleine Carrol, and Fred. McMurray.



Abbott and Costello in 'Keep 'Em Flying' at Regal.

'KEEP 'EM FLYING' AT REGAL

Lou Costello And Bud Abbott Starred

Uproarious comedy, fast-moving romance, lilting tunes and thrilling aviation scenes combine to make Universal's new laugh film, "Keep 'Em Flying," one of the prize screen packages of the season. Starring Bud Abbott and Lou Costello, and featuring Martha Raye, lovely Carol Bruce, William Gargan and Dick Foran, the picture surpasses anything to come from Hollywood in many moons.

Although each successive Abbott and Costello screen vehicle has set new box office marks, "Keep 'em Flying," which is back-grounded against Uncle Sam's drive for world air supremacy, appears destined to establish still higher attendance figures.

In addition to the array of stellar personalities, it boasts of a banner supporting cast including Charles Lang and William Davidson. Abbott and Costello portray air school "grease monkeys", while Misses Raye and Bruce are seen as USO clubhouse hostesses.

Carrying greater story values and a far more elaborate mounting than any of the earlier Abbott and Costello films, "Keep 'Em Flying" is highlighted by sensational aerial sequences that will have audiences holding on to their seats.

Exceptionally exciting is Abbott and Costello's wild ride in a runaway plane. There is a mile-a-minute chase in which a motorised torpedo takes Costello on a jaunt over the countryside. Dick Foran's rescue of Gargan, 3,000 feet above the flying field, is another high spot.

Nor does interest in the feature's unfoldment lag during the staging of the musical numbers in which Miss Raye and Miss Bruce sing several new tunes. The songs are definite candidates for spots on the Hit Parade. They include the Don Raye-Gene de Paul "Pig Foot Pete," sung by Miss Raye, and "The Boy With the Wistful Eyes," warbled by Miss Bruce.

Abbott And Costello At Lamington

The Screen's most popular comedians Bud Abbott and Lou Costello with Alan Jones in "One Night in the Tropics" the big music, dance and song spectacle by Jerome Kern will be shown an Easter Sunday at the Lamington at 10 a.m. at reduced admission prices.

NATIONALIST CHRISTIAN PARTY'S STAND

The following Memorandum has been submitted to Sir Stafford Cripps:—

The Executive Committee of the Nationalist Christian Party desires to place on record its appreciation of the efforts made by Sir Stafford Cripps to bring about better relations between Britain and India; and, realising that this is the first opportunity in the history of the British connection of a favourable solution of the Indian Problem, hopes that his mission may be successful and trusts that now at least justice will be done to India and the legitimate aspirations of the people fulfilled.

The Committee is not in possession of the concrete proposals which Sir Stafford Cripps brings from the British Cabinet to India, and therefore, cannot offer specific suggestions in the matter. This Committee expects that the status of the Christian Community as the third largest in the country, and its aspirations shall receive due and proper place in the deliberations now in progress between the leaders of the people and Sir Stafford Cripps. This Committee, therefore, feels that it would be lacking in its duty, if it allowed this opportunity to pass without bringing to his attention the attitude of the Christians in India and the principles it stands for in the present or future governance of the country, with particular reference to the following points:—

In the first place, we stand for the independence of India as one and indivisible unit, and for the right of the Indian Nation to govern their own country, untrammelled by any political dominance or economic subjection to any other nation. In short, the Committee stands for the complete transfer of political power to the hands of the representatives of our country. In general, we support the demands put forward in this behalf by the Indian National Congress.

In the next place, the Committee desires that the Indian Christians shall, subject to the larger interests of the Nation, have a sufficient voice in the Councils of the country. Nevertheless, we would protest against this demand being construed as a claim for separate representation or separate electorates for the community. We have seen the fissiparous tendencies of separate electorates and communal representations. Our demand for a voice in the governance of India amounts to a demand for an equal right and equal opportunity to influence the present or future Government of the country through the general electorates, which may be fashioned now or in future. We are unable at the present stage, or until, we are in possession of the specific proposals brought by Sir Stafford Cripps, to specify more particularly the means or the manner by which our demands under this head will be satisfied. We desire, however, that the leaders of the Congress should bear this in mind along with all the other issues which may be discussed by them with Sir Stafford Cripps.

Thirdly and finally, this Committee strongly urges that our right to practise our religion freely and openly, to educate our children in the manner we think best, should be specifically protected, and that nothing be done, which might now or in the future, to diminish the full and free exercise of that right.

MADRAS MILL STRIKE

Governor's Assurance To Deputation

MADRAS, April 1

The need for an amicable settlement of the labour strike in the Buckingham and Carnatic Mills and the appointment of a judicial tribunal to investigate into the incidents in connection with the strike culminating in police firing was stressed in a memorandum submitted by a deputation on behalf of the citizens of Madras which waited on H. E. the Governor at the Secretariat this afternoon.

The deputation which included Mr. K. Venkataswami Naidu, Deputy President of the Madras Legislative Council, Mr T. T. Krishnamachari, M.L.A. (Madras) and Dewan Bahadur V. Bashyam Ayengar urged the Government to take prompt steps through their Labour Department to see to the early reopening of the mills and relieve distress among the workers.

His Excellency assured the deputation that he would give his full consideration to the points raised in their memorandum.—A.P.

Latest Commercial

JULY

New York, April 2

Previous closing 19.55
To-day's opening 19.59
Difference ..... +04
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NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, April 2

Following are the New York opening ranges:—

May (19.32/31) 19.48/48
July (19.44/44) 19.59/59
October (19.60/59) 19.74/74

LONDON COMMODITIES.

London, April 2

SEEDS

Castorseeds March/April (£20 5/8 sellers) £20 5/8 sellers

Linseed Bombay Calcutta March/April (£20 nominal) £20 nominal

Linseed La Plata March/April unquoted Groundnut Coromandal Coast March/April (East Coast India shipment and quoted; (22) West Coast India shipment) £20 sellers.

LONDON METALS

Electric Copper (£62) £62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

EXCHANGE:

CROSS RATES.

T.T NEW YORK ON LONDON
New York, April 2
Previous closing 4.03 1/2
To-day's opening 4.03 1/2

T.T LONDON ON NEW YORK
London, April 2
Previous closing 4.02 1/2 sellers 4.03 1/2 buyers
To-day's opening 4.02 1/2 sellers; 4.03 1/2 buyers.
To-day's closing 4.02 1/2 sellers; 4.03 1/2 buyers

LONDON BULLION.

London, April 2
London Gold (£8-8-0) £8-c-0
LONDON SILVER
London, April 2
Spot (23 7/16d) 23 7/16d nil
Forward (23 7/16d) 23 7/16d nil

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay 1-5 1/32 sellers; 1-5 31/32 buyers) 1-5 1/32 sellers; 1 5 31/32 buyers
New York on Bombay (30.36) 30.36

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent
4 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent
6 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, April 2

The Stock Exchange was inactive to-day.

3% PER CENT STERLING LOAN

London, April 2

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £101 1/8

AUSTRALIAN LOAN

London, April 2

5 per cent 1955/65 £101

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent British Consols £83 1/8
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £106 1/4
2 per cent Conversion Loan £100
4 per cent Funding Loan £114 7/16
3 1/2 per cent war Loan £105 13/16
3 per cent War Loan £100 1/8
4 per cent Victory Bonds £113 1/2

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors 16-1 1/2
Marks and Spencer Ordinary 34-7 1/2
Electric Music Industry 14-0
Princhin Johnson 21-4 1/2
Imperial Chemical 32-6
Woolsworth New Ordinary 49-10 1/2
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rate £76 1/2
Dundee 25-0
Unilever Ordinary 25-10 1/2
Ford Motors 24-4 1/2
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary £51 3/4
British American Tobacco Ordinary £3 5/8
Carreas A' £5 1/8
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary £6 3/16
P and O Defd 27-3
Distillers 74-0
Bredfords Dyes 7-1 1/2
British Celanese 6-5
J and P Coates 34-10 1/2
Courtaulds Ordinary 32-4 1/2
Fine Cotton Spinners 7-0
Vickers Limited Ordinary 16-3
Inter Nickel dol 40 3/8
Indian Iron 34-4 1/2

TEA SHARES

Assam 11-3
Donaro Tea 21-0
Empire of India 11-6

JUTE

Barnagore £5 nominal

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo-Dutch Rubber 9-0
Guia Kelampong 8-1 1/2
Rubber Plant. Inv. Trust 12-0

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug 16-3
Burma Corporation 3-6
Rio Tintos £8
East Rand Properties £1 7/8
Rand Mines £6 1/4

MINE SHARES

Crown £8 3/4
Associated Portland Cement 45-0
Trinidad Leasehold 67-6
Sub-Nigel £6
Spring Mines Split Share £0 31/32
Union Corporation 128-9

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian 35-0
Anglo-India 36-3
Burma Oil £1 17/32
Mexican Eagle 12-7 1/2
Shell Transport £1 31/32
Royal Dutch £14

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary £41 1/2
London Midland Ordinary £18
London North Eastern Defd £1 5/8
London Southern Defd £15
London Transport 5 per cent £130 1/2
London Transport "C" £40

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA, April 2

The Stock Exchange generally ruled quiet and the volume of business was moderate, while Government securities continued firm and unchanged.

Government securities: 3 per cent Defence loan 1949/52 95 small odd lot; 3 per cent Defence Bonds 1946 97/9; 3 per cent loan 1963/65 88/14; 3 1/2 per cent G. P. 88/1; 3 1/2 per cent loan 1947/50 97/9; 4 per cent loan 1960/70 103.

Banks: Imperial fully paid Reserve 92.

Jutes: Adamjee pref 125; Anglo-India pref 130; Bally pref 120; Naihati pref 130; Reliance pref 130.

Miscellaneous: Indian Copper 1/11; Dalmia Cement pref 109; Indian Iron 22/13; Steel Corpn ord 13/11; B. I Corpn pref 156/8 ct; Cawnpore pref 150; Murree Brewery 15.

Fazlul Huq Indisposed

CALCUTTA, April 2.

Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq, Chief Minister, who returned last night after meeting Sir Stafford Cripps, is lying indisposed.—United Press.



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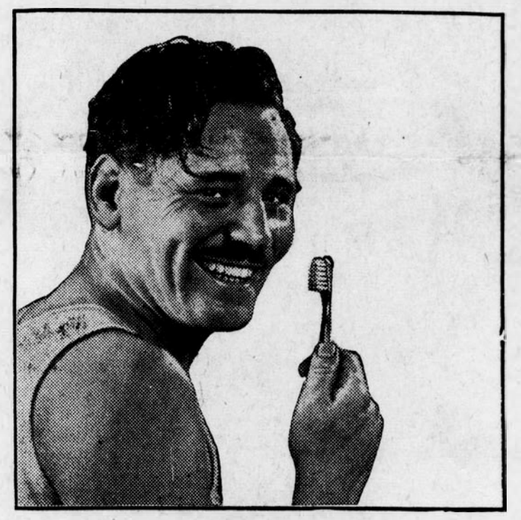
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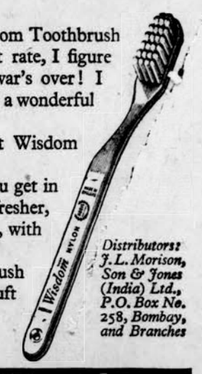
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By BUD FISHER



EARLIER LOSSES RECOUPED ON AMERICAN COTTON MARKET

Trade Buying

Bombay, April 2

The New York cotton market opened weak on Wednesday, but regained the day's lost ground on persistent trade support. It now appears that prices for the time being ill stabilise around the present levels with an irregular trend.

Early benge selling and profit-taking encountered persistent trade covering in near months and mill buying of distants reflecting expansion of cotton goods business and a steady flow of Government contracts. The market closed steady.

The Department of Agriculture (Washington) announces parity prices as of March 15 cotton 18.35

The market opened lower at a loss of 10 points at 19.44 for July settlement. But from the start due to good trade demand, the market worked higher and the highest rate touched was 19.62+8. But at this stage profit-taking ensued with the result that the market lost grand partially with the rate closing at a rise of one point 19.55. Other forward positions were unchanged to one point down. The spot was quoted 21.14+2.

The New Orleans cotton market closed with a net rise of 2 to 5 points.

CHICAGO MARKET

Chicago grains were narrow and declined fractionally on small scale selling but encountered stubborn resistance despite favourable crop prospects and lagging mill demand.

WALL STREET

Wall Street opened irregular but steadied on selective support although movements were narrow and indecisive in one of the slowest sessions of the past year. Communications and higher priced issues advanced moderately but aircrafts and motors were backward with fractional changes either may distributed. The market closed steady U. S. Steels were quoted 49 5/8+1/8.

PRIVATE ADVICES :—

New York July Highest	19.62+08 (12-20)
New York July Lowest	19.44—10 (10*a.m.)

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta have received to-day the following cable information from our Foreign Friends :—

New York.—Continued trade buying. Undertone very steady.

Parity differences :—

NEW YORK COTTON.
New York, April 1.

March	19.42
May	19.55
July	19.70
October	21.14
Middling spot	

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.
New York, April 1.

March	19.43
May	19.59
July	19.92
October	20.09
Middling spot	

NEW YORK COTTON.
New York, April 1.

Noon Call—	
March	—
May	19.43
July	19.53
October	19.70

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BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, April 2.

The local cotton market presented a steadier attitude to-day and it is now becoming clear that cotton is now attracting new friends at the present abnormal rates as compared to the ruling values of other things. There was some covering to-day especially in Broach A./May and the price spread has narrowed down to Rs. 18. Looking to the tendency of the market it is likely that values may recover further with moderate set backs.

To-day the market opened steady with Broach A/M. at Rs. 157 and July August at Rs. 176. The market improved on support extended by Bazar operators with prices for A/May touching Rs. 160 and July August Rs. 178-0-0.

After fluctuating around these levels, the market resumed its upward trend on active support. The rate for Broach A./M advanced to Rs. 164/8 and that for J/A to Rs. 182/8. The sessions terminated as follows:

BROACH April/May	Rs.	164 4 0
BROACH July/August		182 4 0
OOMRA May		143 12 0
OOMRA July		154 12 0
BENGAL May		129 0 0
BENGAL July		132 8 0

After the official close, the rate for J/A was quoted Rs. 184 in private.

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES

Bombay, April 2

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY

	Yesterday.	This year	Last year
In full-pressed bales.		Since 1st Sept.	
Khandesh	480	75,308	93,470
Central India	68	29,596	124,857
Barsi and Nagar	521	48,407	95,933
Hyderabad/Gaorani	200	11,196	31,517
Berar	221	172,480	328,996
Central Provinces	573	81,046	68,116
Total Oomras	2,563	418,720	746,888
Dhoieras	24	30,022	62,561
N. W. Provinces	.....	1,021	1,822
Rajputana	.....	378	5,113
Sind-Punjab	783	375,710	426,490
Broach	3,936	288,156	86,349
Coompta and Dharwar	188	7,935	41,246
Westerns-Northerns	200	8,202	45,603
Cocoanada	.....	.....	239
Tinnevelly & Cambodia	322	9,395	1,248
Total	8,345	1,139,545	1,416,939
Arrived by road to 26th March 1942	.....	89,500	238133

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES.

Bombay April 1.

Broach A/M highest 136; lowest 149 1/4; closing at 4-30 p.m. 154 1/2

Broach J/A highest 176; lowest 173 1/4; closing at 4-30 p.m. 174 1/2

Oomra May highest 136; lowest 134 1/2; closing at 4-30 p.m. 136

Oomra July highest 148; lowest 147 1/2; closing at 4-30 p.m. 148

Bengal May highest 123; lowest 122 1/2; closing at 4-30 p.m. 123

Bengal July highest 128; lowest 127 1/2; closing at 4-30 p.m. 128

BOMBAY STOCK EXCHANGE

Prices React Upward

Bombay, April 2.

After a quiet opening the Bombay Stock Exchange turned strong all round and the market closed with a firm note on good buying support. The reply received from the Managing Agents of the Tata Iron and Steel Co., was considered encouraging for the early declaration of dividends. The accounts for the year ended 31st March 1942 will be speeded up and the annual general meeting of the Tata Iron and Steel Co., will be held as early as possible.

Tata Steel Defd. after opening at Rs. 1150 for cash strengthened to Rs. 1190, while Ordinaries made headway to Rs. 234 for cash. The forward rates closed at Rs. 1300 and Rs. 243 respectively. In mill shares centuries were better at Rs. 389 while E. D. Sassoon recovered smartly to Rs. 2-8-0 from Rs. 2-3-0. A.C.C. also were better at Rs. 157

Other quotations were Indian Iron Rs. 22-14-0, Scindia Rs. 18-4-0, Tata Steel 2nd Preference Rs. 110 New India Rs. 41

The Bombay Stock Exchange is closed from 3rd April for Easter holidays and will reopen on Tuesday, the 7th of April.

TEXTILES
Bombay, April 2.

100	Ahmedabad Advance	298 12
250	BOMBAY DYEING	1097 8
100	CENTURY	387 0
100	CENTRAL INDIA	330 0
100	Colaba X.D.	151 8
100	Cooria	120 0
250	Dawn	627 0
250	David	300 0
1	E. D. Sassoon Defd.	2 8 3
100	FINLAY	190 0
100	GOKAK	242 0
1000	Hindustan	2482 8
100	Indore	225 0
100	Khatau	225 0
100	KOHINOOR X.D.	420 0
250	LAXMI	640 0
100	Madhusudan	320 0
100	MORARJI	470 0
250	Model	211 4
50	MYSORE	125 0
200	NEW GREAT X.D.	240 0
100	Podar X.D.	185 0
100	Phoenix	385 0
25	Sassoon Silk	81 0
1000	Sholapur	5175 0
50	SIMPLEX	157 8
100	SWADESHI	372 8
100	SWAN	180 0
600	Vishnu	1470 0
1000	Western	1550 0

BANKS

50-100	Baroda X.D.	105 0
25-50	Central India X.D.	40 8
500	Imperial	1417 8
125-500	Imp. Cont.	346 4
50-100	India X.D.	133 0
100	Reserve Bank	95 0
5	Union X.D.	5 12

CEMENTS

100	ASSOCIATED X.D.	157 0

INSURANCE

15-75	New India	41 0
100	Empire	700 0
15-100	Jupiter	13 4
20	Mercantile	60 0
200	Oriental	3460 0
10-50	Vulcan	8 6

ELECTRIC

100	Ahmedabad Old X.D.	164 6
1000	ANDHRA VALLEY	1510 0
10	Ajmer	12 15
50	BOMBAY TRAMS	129 0
100	Bombay Suburban	170 0
10	Broach	13 4
100	Karachi	200 0
100	Poona	217 0
100	Surat	189 6
100	TATA HYDRO	153 0
1000	TATA POWER	1376 0

RAILWAYS

500	Ahmedabad Prantij X.D.	865 0
100	C. Province	104 0
100	Dhond Baramati	104 4
100	Gujarat	102 0
100	Mandra Bhon	100 0
100	Pachora Jamner	93 8
100	Sara Sirajganj	95 8
500	Tapti Valley X. D.	617 8

MININGS

9	Burma Corporation	1 14
8th.	Indian Copper	1 9
10	Indian Iron and Steel	22 14
30	SHIVRAJPUR	30 8
10	Mukund Iron	13 15
40	TATA STEEL DEFD.	1300 0
75	TATA STEEL ORD.	243 0
10	Steel Corporation	13 10

MISCELLANEOUS

100	ALCOCK	425 0
10	Air Services	3 0
50	BELAPUR SUGAR	220 8
200	Bombay Safe Deposit	650 0
250	BOMBAY STEAM	315 0
100	B. BURMA	215 0
50	Contributory	55 0
8th.	Br. B. Petrol	1 2 6
100	IND. BLEACHING	140 0
80	Ind. Invest. Trust X.D.	46 0
100	Indian Radio Def	360 0
100	Indian Radio Ord	340 0
100	Port Canning	72 0
30	PREMIER CONSTRUCTION	107 0
15	Scindia	18 4
24	Tata Oil	44 0
24	Tata Chemical	12 12
100	Wimco	192 8

PREFERENCE

7	p.c. Andhra Valley	1502 0
6	p.c. Bom. Steam	317 8
7	p.c. Bom Tram. (T.F.) X.D.	75 0
5	p.c. Central India (T.F.)	560 0
6	1/4 p.c. Premier Const. 1st	112 0
6	1/4 p.c. Premier Const. 2nd X.D.	106 0
7	p.c. Tata Hydro	147 8
7	1/2 p.c. Tata Power	1523 12
5	p.c. Tata Steel 1st	180 0
7	1/2 per cent Tata Steel 2nd	110 0
7	p.c. Vishnu	715 0

DEBENTURES

4	p.c. Andhra Valley Deb	100 0
4	p.c. Bom. Telephone	48 0
5	p.c. Morarji	103 6
5	p.c. Sholapur	71 8
4	p.c. Tata Power Deb.	105 8

Imperial Bank Of India

Statement of the affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 27th March 1942.

LIABILITIES	Rs.	Rs.
CAPITAL :—		
Authorised—2,25,000 shares of Rs. 500 each	11,25,00,000	
Issued and Subscribed—2,25,000 shares of Rs. 500 each	11,25,00,000	
Called up—75,000 shares of Rs. 500 each fully paid	3,75,00,000	
1,50,000 shares of Rs. 500 each, Rs. 125 paid	1,87,50,000	5,62,50,000
Reserve Liability of Shareholders—Rs. 375 per share on 1,50,000 shares	5,62,50,000	
Reserve Fund		5,62,50,000
Fixed Deposit, Savings Bank, Current and other Accounts		117,01,38,000
Loans against Securities per contra		—
Acceptances for Constituents		—
Sundries		80,01,000
Rupees		129,06,39,000

ASSETS	Rs.	Rs.
INVESTMENTS :—		
Government Securities	63,27,24,000	
Other Authorised Investments	1,29,22,000	64,56,46,000
ADVANCES :—		
Loans	9,61,90,000	
Cash Credits and Overdrafts	24,24,05,000	
Bills Discounted and Purchased	6,33,98,000	40,19,93,000
Liability of Constituents for Acceptances per contra		—
Dead Stock		1,80,16,000
Sundries		69,57,000
Bullion		—
CASH :—		
In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India	19,40,27,000	
Balances with other Banks	2,40,00,000	21,80,27,000
Rupees		129,06,39,000

LONDON EXCHANGES.
London, April 1.

T.T. London on :—	
New York, sellers	4.02 1/2
buyers	4.03 1/2
Madrid, official	40.05
voluntary rate	46.55
Montreal, sellers	4.43
buyers	4.47
Zurich, sellers	17.03
buyers	17.4
Stockholm, sellers	15.85
buyers	15.95

GOVT. SECURITIES

Bombay, April 2.

2 3/4 per cent	1948-52 93
3 1/2 per cent	G. P. Notes 88/2
3 per cent	1951/54 Loan 94/1
3 per cent	1949/52 Loan 95/4
4 per cent	1960/70 Loan 103
4 per cent	1945 Bonds 102/2
3 per cent	War Bonds 97/14
3 1/2 per cent	1947/50 Loan 97/12
4 1/2 per cent	1955 Loan 107/5

TAX FREE LOANS

5 per cent	1945/55 Loan 105/2
4 per cent	1953/63 Mysore 110
5 per cent	1965 Mysore 120 N

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4 per cent	B P T 1947 98
4 per cent	M Deb 1947 101
5 per cent	M Deb 1959 109
5 per cent	M Deb 1954 120
5 per cent	K P T 1956 115

Tone :—Steady

MONEY MARKET

Bombay April 2.

LONDON :—

Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 9/32 2 months

Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 5/16 Three months

Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 5/16 Four months

B. C Rates :—T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16

Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32

Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32. D D 1/6 5/32

NEW YORK :—

Banks selling T T Rs 332 3/4: D D Rs 332 3/4

Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2: D D Rs 326 1/2

MONTREAL :—

Banks selling T T Rs 302 1/2: D D Rs 302 1/2

Banks buying T T Rs 297 1/4: D D Rs 293 3/4

BERNE :

Banks selling T T Fcs 126 3/4: D D nil

Banks buying T T Fcs 131 1/2: D D nil

STOCKHOLM

Banks selling T T K 123. D D K 123

Banks buying T T K 128: D D K 128

MEXICO :—

Banks selling T T Rs. 67.27: D D Rs. 66.27

Banks buying T T Rs. 63.04: D D Rs 62.04

LISBON :—

Banks selling T T Esc 7.35 nominal: D D Esc 7.35 nominal.

Banks buying T T Esc 7.55: D D Esc 7.55

AUSTRALIA :—

Banks selling T T 1/10 3/8; D D 1/10 3/8

Banks buying T T nil: D D 1/11 3/8

Tone of Sterling Exchange :—Quiet

Gold £3-8-0 Ready

New York Silver 35 1/8

London Silver 23 7/16 Ready : 23 7/16 Forward

London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent

London Discounts 6 months 1 1/8 per cent

Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.

Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.

Money :—Call 1/2 per cent.

1 and 2 months 3/4 per cent.

3 to 5 months 1 per cent.

6 to 9 months 1 1/4 per cent.

Tone :—Steady

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, April 2

The market showed an improvement today. Tata Deferreds after touching 1145 firmed up to 1195 while Tata Ordinaries also improved to 234. A slight reaction was noted at the close. Deferreds touching 1183 and Ordinaries 232. Bombay Dyeings were quoted higher in sympathy at 1092-8. Indian Irons stood at 22-12.

Tata Ordinary 232; Tata Deferred 1185; Indian Iron 22.12; Steel Corpn of Bengal 13/12; Bombay Dyeing 1092/8; Central India 330; Century 388/12; Gokak 241/14; Kohinoor 421/14; Simplex 150; Andhra Valley 1475; Tata Hydro 151/4; Tata Power 1375; Associated Cement 156/8; Belapur 218/12; Bombay Burma (old) 210.

LONDON WHEAT.
London, April 1.

Rozario Santa Fe April/May quoted 22/6

Barleta Russo April/May quoted 22/7 1/2

Australian Wheat April/May quoted 27/6

GOLD AND SILVER

Bombay, April 2.

The local bullion market continued its sagging tendency with holders eager to liquidate at all suitable opportunes. New support is now poor in view of the present high levels. It is considered risky to enter the market at the present rates as the local market is absolutely out of parity with the foreign markets. Any improvement in the war situation is likely to bring forth general liquidation and hence business at present has been on a narrow scale.

Silver for Chaitra settlement after opening at Rs. 81-4-0 declined to Rs. 79-4-0 and gold also slipped back to Rs. 51-6-0 from Rs. 51-14-0.

Closing rates were as under :—

Silver Ready	Rs.	83 12 0
Silver Chaitra		79 6 0
Gold Ready		51 6 0
Gold Chaitra		51 5 0
Sovereign		39 0 0

LONDON SILVER
London, April 1.

Spot	23 7/16
Forward	23 7/16

LONDON GOLD
London, April 1.

Gold bars /fine per oz.	£8/8/0

HOLIDAY IN MARKETS

On account of 'Good Friday' Banks and City markets will remain entirely closed

BOMBAY SUGAR MARKET

Bombay, April 1.

Fine White Java sugar per cwt :—

Ready from bonds Rs. 21-0-0

Indian :—

Small grain Rs. 19-2-0 to 19-8-0

Large grain Rs. 19-10-0 to 20-0-0

Bulund Rs. 20-8-0

Chinai Leesa Rs 31-0-0

Bombay Group May delivery Rs 14-8-0 p.r

Bengal Maund.

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS

Bombay, April 2

Yarn No. 6 1/2s. April	175 June 174
Yarn No. 10 1/2s. April	211 June 210
Yarn No. 20 1/2s. April	300 June 295
Yarn No. 40s. April	425 June 420

Quotations for 6 1/2s, 10 1/2s and 40s are nominal.

METAL EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

Bombay, April 2

Copper sheets 1b. 21 Rs. 133 28 125 35 125 42 123 49-56 121

Brass sheets Flag Brand 1b. 20-21 Rs. 107 24 105 28 105 35 93/8 42 91/8 49-56 91/8

Spelter 'P.H.' Rs. 76 Rosita Rs. 74 Country make Rs. 59 Pigiead 'B.M.' Refined Rs. 32 per cwt.

Tin Ingot Penang Rs. 86 per qr.

SETTLEMENT RATES

Copper sheets Ashad Rs. 124/8

Market tone :—Steady.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.
London, April 1.

Rupee paper 3 1/2 p.c.	£64
Indian Stock 3 1/2 p.c. 1931 or later	£101 1/8
Consols 2 1/2 p.c.	£83 1/8
Conversion Loan 3 1/2 p.c. 1961	£106 3/15
War Loan 3 1/2 p.c.	£106 13/16
Funding Loan 4 p.c. 1960/90	£114 7/16
Victory Bonds 4 p.c. 1960/90	£113 1/2
Chartered Bank of I. A. & China	£5 7/16
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London reg.)	£47
National Bank of India	£25

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particularly when unnecessary objections were raised by the Textile Labour Association against the creation of a Welfare Fund, not out of the amount of bonus, which was being granted by the industry to the workers. If the Textile Labour Association had agreed to the proposal, there would have been available a sum of about Rs. 22 lakhs to be devoted exclusively for the welfare of our workers and their families."—A. P.

WAR TELLS ON INDIAN MARKETS

AHMEDABAD, April 2.

"It is true that on account of shortage of freight and difficulties of transport our export and internal markets have been vitally affected and this has resulted in a temporary setback in our industrial activity. It is probable that this might be accentuated a little but we expect that after the forces of the Allies are mobilised a definite favourable turn will take place and this is bound to result in an expansion of our industrial effort," declared Mr Jayantilal Amritlal, President of the Ahmedabad Millowners Association, addressing the annual general meeting to-day.

IN CASE OF INVASION.

He said, "As long as the war was being fought in distant lands India had only to adapt herself to the altered programme of production and supply. But Japan's declaration of war against the United Kingdom and the United States of America brought the danger nearer to ourselves, bringing in its wake a number of difficult and axious problems. We are not familiar with the tactics of Japanese invasion but probably they are regarded as thorough and novel. I am not a pessimist. But I think that it will not be prudent to shut our eyes against the grim possibilities of the future. I do trust and hope that even if trade and industry were paralysed for a short while members would carry through with a resolve to face the situation with courage and hope."

CRIPPS PROPOSALS

Referring to proposals of Sir Stafford Cripps, Mr Jayantilal said: "Any scheme which is likely to result in the disintegrity and disunity of the country is not likely to be welcomed in the country's interests and it is obvious that if a large majority of the people does not favour a scheme perhaps it would be dangerous to introduce it sectionally."

COAL SHORTAGE.

Proceeding he said: "The supply of coal has been a very much vexed problem all throughout the latter part of the year, and inspite of the Associaticn's successful effort in obtaining authority to recommend priority for members, the average receipt of waggons at Ahmedabad stations during the last three months has been 66 as against the normal requirements of about 110 waggons per day and during the last several weeks the average has further declined by 50 per cent. I do not underrate the difficulties of the authorities but I cannot help observing that a most immediate programme by the Government for the supply of waggons of coal is imperative for our mills.

LABOUR UNION CRITICISED

Concluding he said: "I appreciate the advantages of a strong Labour Union but at the same time I very much regret to find that a Trade Union like the one we have here, should oppose beneficial schemes like Labour Exchange, a welfare fund a co-operative society etc. The only inevitable conclusions to my mind is that the Textile Labour Association does not propose to co-operate in any scheme by which the employers might even indirectly get the goodwill of the workers. This was brought home

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CUT THIS OUT & KEEP IT



Protecting Yourself
INDOORS
DURING AN ATTACK

EVERY citizen of Bombay must know how to secure his own protection indoors. The first rule is to get into a building, and find the safest place, as soon as the Warning Siren is heard—a wailing up-and-down note. Then prepare yourself in case the bombs or shells begin to fall near-by.

KEEP AWAY FROM DOORS AND WINDOWS

Fragments of high-explosive missiles spread outwards and upwards: therefore you are safest on the floor—at least keep your head below window level. Machine-gun bullets and pieces of anti-aircraft shell fall downwards: therefore you are safest as far into the centre of the building as you can get.

OPEN ALL GLASS WINDOWS
CLOSE ALL WOODEN SHUTTERS

Explosions generate a tremendous force in the atmosphere called "blast". It can damage your lungs if you are in its track—another reason for keeping below window-level. "Blast" will also send any glass in its path flying in jagged splinters. The glass from open windows is least likely to fly towards you.

IF YOUR BUILDING IS HIT

DON'T run out into the street! It is millions to one against a second direct hit on the same building; but you are still in the danger zone and most likely to be injured by falling fragments of anti-aircraft shell out of doors. Secure your own position if necessary by moving closer to an undamaged wall, under a doorway for preference.

If you are covered with debris, keep still unless you can see your way clear to get out without danger. If you can't see, or move, conserve all your energy to make yourself heard by the rescue parties.

DON'T try to use the telephone during an attack.

DON'T move outside until the All Clear Siren has sounded (a long, steady note).

BOMBAY MUST NOT BURN!

If there is no Building Warden, someone must quickly go to:

Turn off gas at house-mains—thus lessening the risk of extensive fire.

Fill all buckets and open vessels with water—in case a water-main is broken during the attack.

Put out all lights which spoil the perfection of your black-out.

Trained individuals must promptly take their places as:

Fire-watchers on the roof or in the upper stories, as they have been instructed.

Firefighting party, with equipment, in contact with each fire-watcher.

On each floor, and as far as possible in each room, have ready buckets of water and sandbags to extinguish fires or to smother incendiary bombs before they start fires.

EVERYONE should learn the simple actions required to deal with an incendiary bomb. The few seconds that are saved by the nearest person getting a sandbag on top of the incendiary bomb before the fire-party reaches it can stop a serious fire from burning out the building.



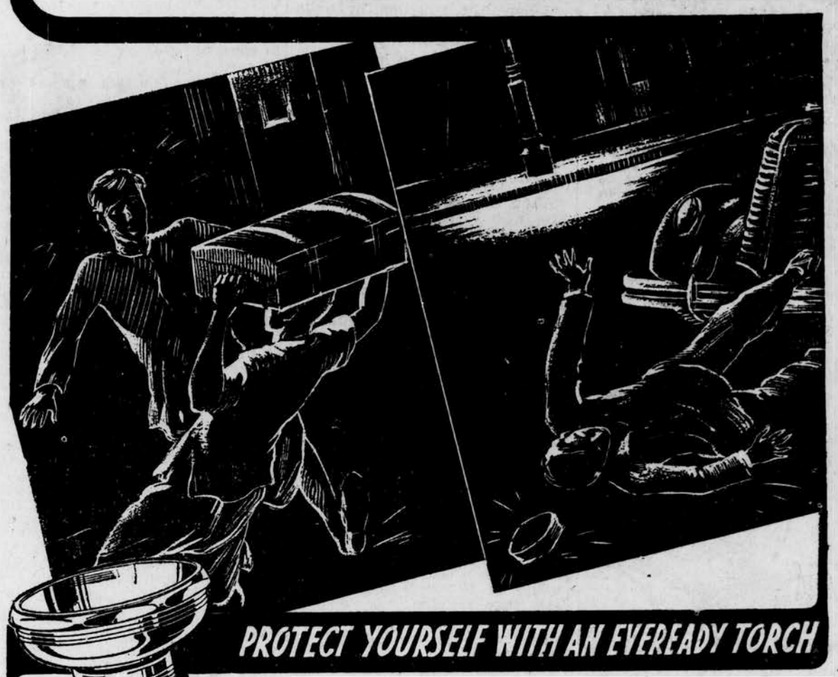
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Roosevelt May Mediate For India Settlement

SENATOR'S WAY OUT OF DEFENCE HURDLE

STAFFORD CRIPPS PROLONGS STAY: POINTS OF DIFFICULTY NARROWING DOWN

WASHINGTON, April 2.

The suggestion that President Roosevelt might explore the possibilities of mediating in the Indian problem was made in to day's "Washington Post."

Expressing the concern with which the Americans—always sympathetic to India's aspirations—are viewing the problem the paper says that any such offer of mediation by the President could not be regarded with suspicion in India". For the cause of Indian emancipation was laid close to the American heart and the leaders of Indian opinion know it."

The President could be assured of Chinese support an important fact since it was General Chiang-Kai-Shek who after his visit to India advised the British to do precisely what they have done and he must be distressed by India's non-co operation.

"REAL HANDICAP TO VICTORY"

The paper declares that the British offer to India is so decent and alternatives so suicidal that the conclusion will be forced upon the American people that suspicion of British is almost ineradicable.

"That is the reason why other members of the United Nations should take action. For it is obvious that danger of relapse of India into internal dissension with British is a real handicap to victory over the Axis. It is regarded as such at any rate in Washington."

It is pointed out that defence concessions made to India in the British proposals provided for a representative Indian joining the War Cabinet with the same prestige as Mr. Casey of Australia. "These concessions which give India decided voice in war strategy do not seem however, to have made much impression in Delhi. It is all or nothing that the Hindus want—a position which, in view of the fast developing threat lapping India's shores, seems incredible."—Reuter.

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Senator's Suggestion

WASHINGTON, April 2.

A joint British Indian Command to defend India was suggested by the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee. Mr. Connally in an interview with Reuter.

He said that he advanced this as a possible solution, should negotiations reach a point where neither side would yield.

"I hope the situation in India may be worked out and I think it will", he added.

"I think there is a lot of horse trading going on just now but I feel Britain will give way on some points and Indian leaders will give way on some of theirs. I hope a working agreement may yet come from conferences."

BAJPAI MEETS ROOSEVELT

After nearly two-hour conference with President Roosevelt, the Agent General for India in the United States Sir Girja Shankar Bajpai, told the press that he thought that the Cripps plan was worth very careful consideration" as it was "much more advanced than anything offered hitherto."

Sir G. S. Bajpai said however that Indo-British relations were not mentioned during his talk with President Roosevelt who discussed with him the scope and function of the Pacific War Council.

Sir G. S. Bajpai replied in the affirmative when a journalist asked whether it did not seem fairly definite that Indian leaders would reject the British proposals but added that he was "hoping until the last.

He dismissed as hypothetical the question as to what course would be followed if the proposals were rejected.

"The important thing is to know why they would be rejected", he commented.

Sir G. S. Bajpai said he could not discuss until the position of the Congress Party had been known.

CRIPPS POSTPONES DEPARTURE

Points Of Difficulty Being Narrowed Down

NEW DELHI, April 2.

"I am postponing my departure from India", said Sir Stafford Cripps at his press conference this morning. "I had arranged to go on Monday: I have now postponed it for a short time.

The postponement arises from the fact that owing to my view of the general situation I think I can possibly do something useful in the next week."

"I think one may generally say", he went on, "that points of difficulty are coming down to fairly narrow limits and with common goodwill we may be able to solve the difficulties. I want to try and do that."

Referring to press reports of these difficulties Sir Stafford said, "It was rather natural that in a state of keen excitement people had tended to overcommit themselves in a particular direction at rather too early a stage and I think that judging from what I have seen in the press this morning it is a little sobering down now to a more thoughtful frame of mind."

If he had no power to agree to the appointment of an Indian Defence Member straightaway would he obtain such power from His Majesty's Government?"

"I can obviously consult the Cabinet at any moment if I consider it necessary", he said.

Had he referred to His Majesty's Government in this connection?

"I have kept His Majesty's Government informed but I have not got any alternative scheme or plan on which to consult them.

I have not yet received any official document from the Congress which I understand from the press I am going to receive. Mr. Jinnah has not yet given me any communication of the Muslim League's final reaction, he added.

It was pointed out to Sir Stafford Cripps that the Hindu Mahasabha and the Sikhs had published their conclusion on the scheme and the question was asked whether Sir Stafford considered these sufficiently important bodies to alter his plans.

Sir Stafford said he would have to consider what other parties had to say.

It was possible that if some accommodation was arrived with other parties it might alter the Sikh attitude.

A correspondent drew attention to strong reports that Sir Stafford had been faced with the resignation of three great soldiers if he came to a settlement which involved the appointment of an Indian Defence Member.

Sir Stafford Cripps gave "an absolutely flat denial" of that report and also took the opportunity emphatically to contradict the report that the Viceroy was creating difficulties.

If a suggestion was made for the appointment of an Indian Defence Member in charge of recruitment, training, equipment, etc., would he reconsider reopening the question?

Sir Stafford Cripps said that "Broadly speaking and without replying to the specific point raised, he would say that he was always prepared to consider anything if by considering it there was any chance of arriving at a satisfactory settlement.

Asked whether certain suggestions had been given to him by Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru which might form the basis of a settlement, Sir Stafford Cripps said, "All I can say is that a number of people have been helpfully trying to do what they can to help to bring about an adjustment and I am grateful to them."

"CLIMAX" IN INDIA

"Times" Comments

LONDON, April 2.

In an editorial on Thursday headed "Eleventh Hour" the London "Times" comments concerning the discussing now approaching a climax in India.

Sir Stafford Cripps went to India with two sets of proposals, the newspaper says, the first of which was extremely precise relating to the status of India after the war and the other necessarily vague, as it concerns arrangements for intervention during the period while the war lasts.

The fact that the principal objection of the Congress is reported to bear on the second set of provisions might logically lead to the conclusion that the essence of the plan is acceptable to them.

"The demand that the control of defence should at once be transferred to Indian hands admits of more than one interpretation.

That General Wavell should retain supreme command at this critical phase of hostilities is essential as a matter of practical advantage as an American General is Commander-in-Chief in the Australian sector with headquarters on Australian soil.

General Wavell himself in his former command, of the A.B.D.A. area had under him troops of several different nations and reported to Washington". "The Times" says.

General Wavell's status in India carries no implication of inferiority for the country, says the newspaper.

The appointment of an Indian to a post in some respects, analogous to that of the Secretary of State for War in Britain, is apparently within the field of discussion, "The Times" writes, providing that General Wavell's responsibility to the highest War Councils in which India would have a representative, of his share in the execution of the common strategy is clear and intact.

"Meanwhile responsibility rests on the Congress as well as on other representative organs of Indian opinion to pronounce clearly and unequivocally on the merits of the proposals for the future Government of India."—Reuter.

Bacteriological Warfare

CHUNGKING, April 1.

The Chinese Government intends to pass on full information to the Allied Governments concerning Japan's resort to bacteriological warfare in China, said Mr Wang Shih Chieh, the Chinese Minister of Information at a Press Conference here.

"In addition to the responsibility of the Japanese, the individual responsibility of those officers and men who have ordered or carried out such inhuman methods of warfare, should be taken into account by the United Nations when the day of reckoning comes", the Minister declared.

CIVIL LIBERTY TRAMPLED

LAHORE, April 1.

"At all times, contempt for democratic principles and rules of law on the part of executive authorities is condemnable both on general principles as well as on grounds of political expediency. If this is to be made a people's war in support of freedom, the citizens' elementary rights must be respected by the State and not ruthlessly trampled", says Mr. J. L. Mullick Secretary of the Punjab Civil Liberties Union, in a representation submitted to Sir Stafford Cripps.

After welcoming Sir Stafford Cripps to this country on his mission, the representation stresses the necessity at the present moment for maintenance of civil liberties, so that the people might have their own initiative in the war effort. He pointed out: "The emergency laws which are in force in this country are much more drastic and sweeping than the corresponding laws enforced in Britain."

"There are thousands of citizens detained for indefinite period in various jails in India under the emergency laws. Most of them are reported to be behind the bars, merely because they profess Socialist or Communist views."

In the end, Sir Stafford Cripps has been requested to exert his influence with the Government of India and "create an atmosphere congenial to the pro-democratic and anti-fascist sentiment."—United Press.

LESSON OF IRELAND FOR INDIA

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, April 2.

According to the opinion expressed in Dublin there is consensus of opinion generally for acceptance of British proposals.

The followers of De Valera advise Indians to study the situation of Ireland after the treaty.

There the differences between Griffith and De Valera resulted in a disastrous civil war, which it is hoped Indians will avoid at all costs.

The Irish point out that recognition of India's fundamental claim for independence should be accepted, though they further point out that the matter of settlement solely lies with Indians. Commenting on British proposals the Irish Press says, "It can be said at once that in principle they represent great advance from anything that has been hitherto offered. Stern demands of war have made the settlement a matter of pressing urgency. If India is to be successfully defended her Government must count upon support from the population and to ensure that support is immediate. The object of the new proposals as to how far they should go towards placating Indian opinion remains to be seen."

The "Irish Independent" declares that the offer now made would, if made to composite political and social entity, be regarded as by long way a far reaching offer of self-government ever made to India.

Offered Dominion Status, the right to frame its own Constitution, the right to secede from British Commonwealth, the change to be effected will not be by mere act of British Parliament but by International treaty, as in the case of Ireland.

There are, however, three vital qualifications. First is that it will not become effective until after the war. Secondly, the British claim the right to insert treaty provisions for protection of racial and religious minorities—a phrase which may not be perhaps as ominous as many in this country may be inclined to read into it.

Thirdly, any province which desires to remain outside and free can only retain its present constitutional status but apparently become a Dominion beyond its own.

This is probably a great weakness of the offer, since it is almost an irresistible temptation for dissident minority and may impede national unity. It may be in this matter that the British left to themselves may leave margin for bargaining.

Warmly welcoming the proposals the "Irish Times" points out there is good authority for view that most of the Indian Muslims are sympathetic not with Mr. Jinnah's League but with the Congress Party or betwixt and between.

Is this, in fact, a basis for British proposals? Is it possible that nominally it offers the Muslim League what the Muslim League professes to desire but actually calls its bluff? If so the odds are that there will be no Indian Ulster or else Ulster so small as to be incapable of continued existence. While every demand of the Muslim League will have been granted the theory of the Congress Party or some group not unfriendly to Congress Party will in fact be paramount in every province, with very few exceptions.

It may be that the satisfaction of Mahatma Gandhi and Mr Nehru after their interviews with Cripps was unfeigned.

Chinese Envoy To Vatican?

CHUNGKING, April 2.

China's renewed request for exchange of diplomatic representatives with the Vatican has been favourably received by the Holy See, it is authoritatively stated here. China is prepared to accept a Papal Nuncio from the Vatican.—Reuter.

JAP DRIVE IN BATAAN STOPPED

WASHINGTON, April 2.

Wednesday's communique shows increasing pressure in Bataan where troops of General Wainwright's command were pushed slowly back until reinforcement were not are brought up. The enemy drive was stilled after several hours of fierce hand to hand fighting.

Although described as heavy, the attack was regarded by military circles here as a test of strength of General Wainwright's lines rather than as the start of the long expected decisive battle for the Philippines.

When that drive comes, observers believe, it would be marked by frontal assaults along the entire Bataan line accompanied by attempts to land a large force on the flanking shore lines with the support of naval units and all the air strength which the Japanese command in the Philippines can assemble.

The aerial bombardment and last night's Bataan attack are regarded as indications that General Yamashite is preparing for a large scale offensive before the start of the rainy season in about a month.

CORREGIDOR RAIDS.

A War Department communique on Wednesday night says, "Philippine Theatre:" heavy fighting in Bataan ceased early to-day. Superior enemy numbers and firepower forced some of our outposts to withdraw a short distance but no material change in the situation resulted. The enemy suffered heavy casualties while our losses were slight.

Throughtout April 1st ground action in Bataan was limited to intensive patrol activity with occasional sharp clashes. Naval units shelled our positions along the west coast of Bataan while dive-bombers attacked our frontlines.

There were several harassing enemy air-raids on Corregidor which did little damage. During the afternoon these attacks were accompanied by the shelling of our fortifications by enemy batteries on Cavite shore

JAP WAREHOUSES BURNT

In Mindanao our forces carried out two raids which proved highly successful. A small number of our troops raided a Japanese supply base in the vicinity of Digos in Davao gulf.

Twenty-two enemy warehouses containing large stocks of food gasoline, munition and other military supplies were burned to the ground while vehicles and other military equipment were destroyed. Our forces suffered no casualties.

In the other raid one Filipino unit penetrated to the heart of the city of Zamboanga taking the enemy completely by surprise. Our troops destroyed several machine-gun nests and other military installations inflicting heavy casualties. Following the raid our troops withdrew without any losses. There was nothing to report from other areas".

50,000 Polish Troops Being Sent To Iran

LONDON, April 2.

General Sikorski on completing his visit to Ottawa told a Press Conference, that he has been informed within the past few day's that M. Stalin has approved the equipping of further Polish Divisions in Russia.

Between 40,000 and 60,000 Polish troops equipped in Russia were on the way to Iran, where he said "They will be handy soon".—Reuter.

Franco-German Tank Position

"Popular Front" Blamed For "Slowing Down Production"

VICHY, April 2.

At the resumed hearing of the Riom War Responsibilities Trial to-day, two French tank Commanders gave evidence.

The testimony from the Commander of the Second French Armoured Division Col Pierre won a tribute from M. Daladier who described it as a "moving statement"

Pierre told how French armoured units had a total of 3,000 tanks of better quality than the Germans had, but he had to blame the advent of the Popular Front regime and "administrative slowness" for delays in tank production.

General Langlois, Commander of the Third Armoured Division who was the second tank expert to give evidence praised the morale of his men and officers whilst deprecating Hotchkiss tanks.

The nex witness General Stehle, formerly Director of Infantry at the War Ministry, asserted that France's total tonnage of tanks was at least equal to the German tonnage.

Hearing was then adjourned until to-morrow.—Reuter.



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